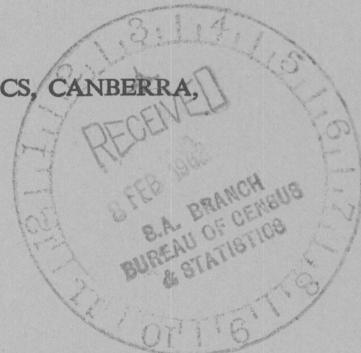


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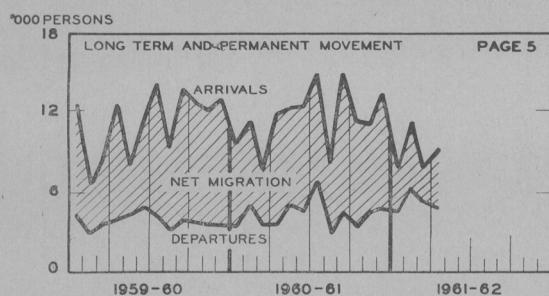
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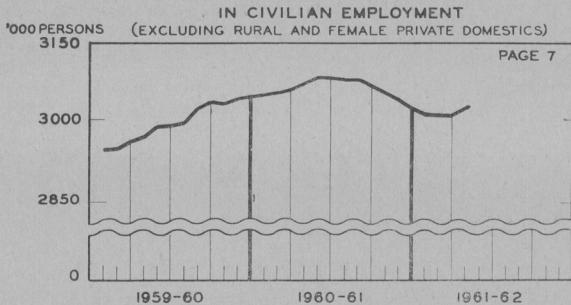
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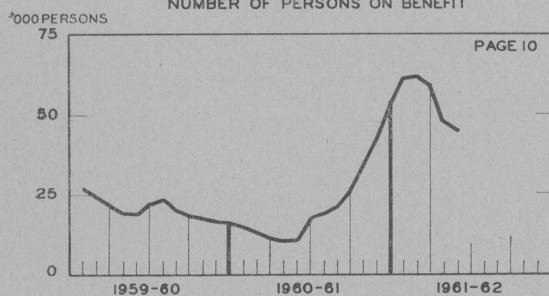
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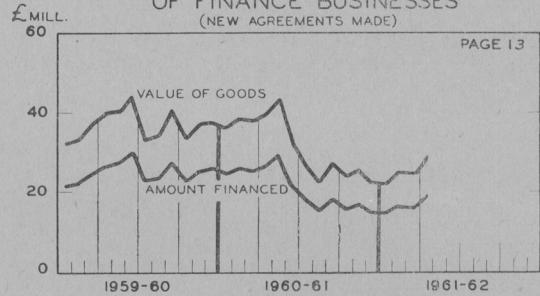
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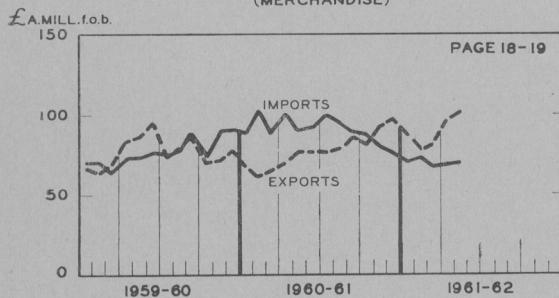
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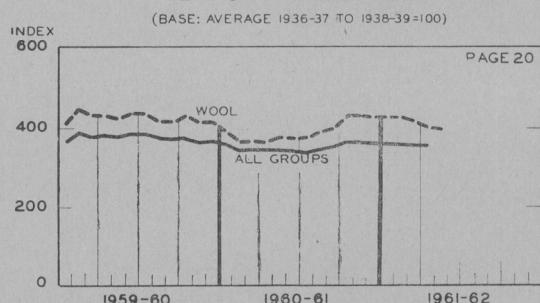
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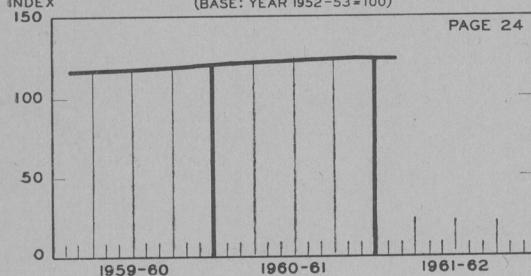
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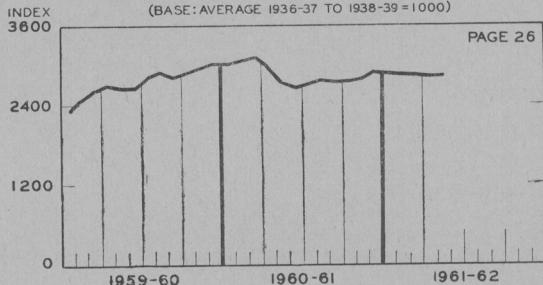
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (excluding Rural and Female Private Domestics). (a)		Number of Persons on Unemployment Benefit.	Average Weekly Earnings (c) Index (Base: 1953-54 = 100).	Internal Trade—Retail Sales. (d)	Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		International Reserves. (e)	Building Approvals. (f)	New Houses and Flats Commenced. (g)
	Employed in Factories. (b)	Total Civilian Employment.				Imports.	Exports.			
Monthly Average—	'000.	'000.			£m.	£m.	£m.	£m. (h)	£m.	No.
1936-37 ..	499	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	12.3	92.9	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	536	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.6	11.7	85.2	n.a.	n.a.
1938-39 ..	542	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.4	10.1	60.7	n.a.	n.a.
1954-55 ..	989	2,758	3,690	105.4	502.1	70.1	63.2	428.3	33.3	19,309
1955-56 ..	1,019	2,836	4,014	112.2	537.7	68.2	64.2	355.0	36.1	18,155
1956-57 ..	1,021	2,861	12,666	118.2	562.0	59.7	81.1	566.5	32.8	17,364
1957-58 ..	1,033	2,880	23,900	121.3	585.5	65.8	67.5	525.4	37.1	18,337
1958-59 ..	1,046	2,917	27,311	124.5	613.4	66.2	67.2	516.4	41.3	20,422
1959-60 ..	1,088	3,000	20,706	133.6	672.9	77.1	77.2	512.0	50.3	22,836
1960-61 ..	1,104	3,064	23,038	140.6	706.7	90.5	r77.3	550.8	50.2	22,222
Monthly Total—	(i)	(j)						(h)		
1959-60—										
October ..	1,080	2,974	19,598	130.5	735.2	73.8	83.7	523.6	57.5	21,900
November ..	1,084	2,991	19,037			74.1	87.1	538.6	51.4	
December ..	1,077	2,991	22,469	135.5	645.7	76.0	96.1	547.2	43.4	22,569
January ..	1,086	2,996	23,781			75.3	73.0	538.4	36.3	
February ..	1,098	3,021	20,020	138.5	683.1	78.3	79.1	541.1	43.5	24,957
March ..	1,106	3,036	18,042			88.0	87.9	547.2	59.9	
April ..	1,103	3,032	17,732	141.4	668.2	72.6	70.2	540.5	47.4	20,136
May ..	1,108	3,042	16,765			90.8	71.4	543.8	60.6	
June ..	1,111	3,047	16,541	141.2	220.8	90.6	78.3	512.0	58.7	19,189
1960-61—						p	p			
July ..	1,114	3,050	14,897	141.5	785.2	89.0	66.5	482.6	58.9	23,926
August ..	1,116	3,055	13,331			103.1	61.1	441.9	59.1	
September ..	1,121	3,063	11,783	141.2	239.7	87.9	64.5	424.0	61.3	20,136
October ..	1,123	3,072	10,364			100.0	68.7	413.3	59.5	
November ..	1,124	3,087	10,660	141.2	227.0	89.6	76.8	398.0	61.3	19,189
December ..	1,117	3,088	17,633			91.6	77.1	376.3	44.2	
January ..	1,115	3,083	19,257	141.2	245.5	99.8	76.6	374.5	34.6	r21,547
February ..	1,108	3,084	20,941			94.8	79.1	373.6	41.3	
March ..	1,096	3,070	25,646	141.2	245.5	89.4	86.4	388.1	43.6	r21,547
April ..	1,083	3,054	35,025			86.8	81.4	416.5	33.2	
May ..	1,070	3,040	42,667	141.2	245.5	78.9	93.2	531.1	53.1	54.2
June ..	1,056	3,022	54,254			74.6	97.7	550.8	51.9	
1961-62—										
July ..	1,049	3,010	61,499	141.9	r225.5	69.8	86.1	574.6	43.7	54.2
August ..	1,048	r3,007	62,066			228.1	73.0	571.1	r54.6	
September ..	1,047	3,005	59,561	141.9	r233.8	67.1	81.7	573.4	53.2	54.2
October ..	1,064	3,022	48,531			236.4	68.7	578.0	49.7	
November ..	1,071	3,040	45,545	141.9	r245.5	70.0	101.7	587.0	54.2	54.2
December ..			56,756			61.9	83.6			

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1960, represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1960, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. (c) All industries: seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment, plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly and monthly total sales. Excludes Aust. Cap. Territory and Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) Source: Reserve Bank. See Commonwealth Bank Statistical Bulletin, Banking Supplement, May, 1954, for a description of this series. (f) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. (g) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals. From September, quarter 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (h) Annual figures and December as at end of period: other figures last Wednesday of month. (i) At end of month. (j) Last Saturday of month.

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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—*continued.*

Period.	Wool Prices Index, Sydney. (a)	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingot Steel. (b)	New Motor Vehicles Registered (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks.(e)		Bank Debits to Customer's Accounts (Weekly Averages).
					Motor Cars and Station Wagons. (c)	Other Motor Vehicles. (d)		Deposits.	Advances.	
	Pence per lb.	'000 tons.	Million kWh.	'000 tons. (f)	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
Monthly Average—										
1936–37 ..	16.4	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937–38 ..	12.7	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938–39 ..	10.3	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1954–55 ..	70.1	1,613	1,267	184.1	13.6	5.6	6,069	1,310.7	776.8	492.1
1955–56 ..	60.7	1,586	1,398	193.4	13.5	5.6	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	522.0
1956–57 ..	77.9	1,643	1,524	231.2	12.3	4.8	7,519	1,328.0	762.6	563.3
1957–58 ..	62.1	1,697	1,650	253.1	13.8	5.1	8,065	1,391.3	774.3	592.7
1958–59 ..	47.5	1,705	1,767	267.0	14.7	5.5	8,622	1,376.3	807.0	637.4
1959–60 ..	56.3	1,769	1,929	293.3	18.7	5.8	10,136	1,453.1	818.3	747.4
1960–61 ..	51.5	1,915	2,089	311.4	18.6	4.9	11,347	1,457.5	902.5	803.8
Monthly Total—										
1959–60—										
October ..	57.0	1,872	1,925	307.9	20.1	6.3	9,796	1,431.7	814.6	736.5
November ..	56.0	1,843	1,824	298.4	19.8	6.1	9,366	1,457.2	817.2	746.8
December ..	58.0	1,270	1,766	296.7	21.6	6.6	11,571	1,484.2	806.3	815.5
January ..	58.0	1,300	1,721	285.2	14.1	4.1	9,309	1,484.7	798.4	658.9
February ..	55.0	1,722	1,752	275.2	18.2	5.0	9,894	1,505.0	795.4	739.3
March ..	55.0	1,980	1,914	297.4	21.0	6.0	11,711	1,517.5	800.4	783.8
April ..	57.0	1,673	1,857	294.4	18.1	5.0	9,620	1,492.7	837.8	754.3
May ..	55.0	1,958	2,159	314.7	20.2	5.9	11,020	1,463.0	863.0	819.8
June ..	55.0	1,971	2,195	305.1	19.9	5.8	12,616	1,460.0	875.4	821.4
1960–61—		p								
July ..	52.0	1,974	2,312	309.3	20.4	5.6	9,931	1,438.1	913.0	835.0
August ..	48.0	2,211	2,303	332.2	22.5	6.3	11,457	1,432.5	918.8	805.5
September ..	48.5	2,057	2,121	309.7	22.5	5.8	10,036	1,426.2	929.5	797.4
October ..	48.0	1,970	2,081	315.2	24.3	5.5	11,125	1,448.3	942.4	831.6
November ..	50.0	2,079	2,030	312.6	26.1	5.8	11,273	1,460.6	940.8	846.0
December ..	49.5	1,674	1,946	336.3	17.6	4.8	12,196	1,458.2	930.8	856.5
January ..	50.0	1,001	1,873	256.5	12.7	3.6	10,548	1,467.1	905.1	742.8
February ..	52.0	1,953	1,859	281.6	12.9	4.1	10,681	1,495.8	881.0	768.8
March ..	53.0	2,184	2,048	325.3	19.0	4.7	12,191	1,501.7	866.4	795.8
April ..	57.0	1,437	1,949	320.8	14.8	4.1	10,905	1,480.6	873.0	757.1
May ..	57.0	2,291	2,285	332.3	16.3	4.7	12,009	1,445.4	866.1	815.2
June ..	56.0	2,148	2,266	330.6	14.2	4.2	12,813	1,432.8	874.2	781.7
1961–62—										
July ..	56.0	2,219	2,408	351.7	13.6	3.8	10,477	1,420.4	884.7	820.1
August ..	56.0	2,361	2,388	338.0	16.1	3.9	11,776	1,424.8	865.8	729.7
September ..	55.0	r2,174	2,156	339.2	15.7	3.8	11,159	1,437.8	856.0	789.0
October ..	53.0	2,300	2,131	r337.6	17.8	4.4	11,876	1,470.6	861.5	833.2
November ..	52.0		2,124	308.0	18.4	4.4	11,516	1,492.7	852.8	815.6

(a) Average price which a New South Wales clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of greasy wool sold in month in New South Wales. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Includes ambulances and hearses prior to 1955–56. (d) Excludes motor cycles; includes ambulances and hearses subsequent to 1954–55. (e) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (f) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)(d)	Population at end of Period.(d)
Quarterly Average—							
1951–52 ..	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	53,671	8,636,458
1952–53 ..	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	44,726	8,815,362
1953–54 ..	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	42,792	e8,986,530
1954–55 ..	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,300	9,199,729
1955–56 ..	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,458	9,425,563
1956–57 ..	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,644	9,640,138
1957–58 ..	18,511	55,265	21,150	34,115	16,650	50,549	9,842,333
1958–59 ..	18,458	56,495	22,013	34,482	19,289	53,537	10,056,479
1959–60 ..	18,859	57,157	22,056	35,101	19,779	54,635	10,275,020
1960–61 ..	19,091	59,459	22,199	37,260	21,297	58,293	e10,508,191
Quarterly Total—							
1958–59—							
September Qtr. ..	15,569	57,575	24,829	32,746	17,640	50,171	9,892,504
December ..	20,287	55,231	20,253	34,978	20,114	54,854	9,947,358
March ..	18,726	54,289	19,104	35,185	21,862	56,795	10,004,153
June ..	19,249	58,883	23,867	35,016	17,541	52,326	10,056,479
1959–60—							
September ..	15,927	58,071	25,513	32,558	17,504	49,843	10,106,322
December ..	20,461	55,733	20,728	35,005	19,884	54,646	10,160,968
March ..	19,173	55,810	20,192	35,618	25,598	60,939	10,221,907
June ..	19,875	59,013	21,792	37,221	16,132	53,113	10,275,020
1960–61—							
September ..	15,995	59,218	26,498	32,720	18,571	51,061	10,326,081
December ..	20,385	56,285	19,982	36,303	29,834	65,839	10,391,920
March ..	19,940	61,118	20,331	40,787	22,527	63,025	10,454,945
June ..	20,042	61,214	21,983	39,231	14,258	53,246	e10,508,191
1961–62—							
September ..	16,053	60,316	26,001	34,315	9,770	44,085	10,552,276

(a) Excess of births over deaths.
(b) Excess of arrivals over departures.
(c) Includes natural increase, net oversea migration and adjustments of population on the basis of Census results.
(d) The figures of Total Increase and Population have been revised in accordance with the preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1961. These figures will be further revised when the final results of the Census become available. See also NOTE to table below.
(e) Census, 30th June. Figure for June, 1961 is preliminary and subject to revision.

POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—The estimated population at 30th September, 1961 for each State represents the population ascertained from the preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1961, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State for the period 1st July, 1961 to 30th September, 1961. When final Census figures become available the estimate at 30th September, 1961 will be revised accordingly. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations since 30th June, 1961 are approximate. Estimates shown below for the intercensal period 1st July, 1954 to 31st March, 1961 have been revised in accordance with preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1961. For some States such revisions were substantial.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1952 ..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360	8,636,458
1953 ..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954 (a) ..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955 (b) ..	3,490,749	2,517,229	1,350,017	819,567	657,115	314,092	18,210	32,750	9,199,729
1956 (b) ..	3,554,257	2,593,468	1,381,591	848,557	674,529	318,470	19,556	35,135	9,425,563
1957 (b) ..	3,624,969	2,656,257	1,413,085	873,166	687,605	326,130	21,061	37,865	9,640,138
1958 (b) ..	3,691,954	2,718,482	1,439,199	896,803	699,565	333,066	22,097	41,167	9,842,333
1959 (b) ..	3,759,834	2,785,905	1,468,237	920,898	712,070	339,376	24,089	46,070	10,056,479
1960 (b) ..	3,832,453	2,857,389	1,495,927	945,320	722,080	343,910	25,573	52,368	10,275,020
1961 (c) ..	3,916,907	2,930,244	1,518,859	969,258	736,624	350,332	27,139	58,828	10,508,191
30th September—									
1961 ..	3,931,030	2,943,281	1,521,295	974,425	741,414	352,645	27,275	60,911	10,552,276

(a) Census. (b) Revised figures based on the preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1961. These figures will be further revised when the final results of the Census become available. (c) Interim figures derived from the preliminary check of the Census Schedules and subject to amendment on completion of tabulation.

OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

" Long term and permanent movement " relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—In Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. " Short term movement " relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Short Term Movement.				Long Term and Permanent Movement.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals.
	Returning.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
Monthly Average—							
1951–52	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	8,746
1952–53	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	5,274
1953–54	3,648	3,556	3,953	3,906	7,206	2,924	4,282
1954–55	4,107	4,013	4,277	4,220	10,348	2,877	7,471
1955–56	4,719	4,469	4,608	4,515	11,052	3,159	7,893
1956–57	4,604	4,162	5,532	5,617	10,050	3,209	6,841
1957–58	4,844	4,714	4,922	4,964	8,998	3,536	5,462
1958–59	4,999	4,933	5,361	5,481	9,725	3,242	6,483
1959–60	5,527	6,113	6,332	6,516	11,140	3,777	7,363
1960–61	6,821	6,847	7,731	7,830	11,540	4,316	7,224
Monthly Total—							
1959–60—							
October ..	7,396	4,696	6,480	6,513	12,435	3,937	8,498
November ..	5,956	4,189	6,290	6,578	8,213	4,273	3,940
December ..	5,332	8,660	7,983	7,486	11,080	4,949	6,131
January ..	6,849	4,883	6,696	7,331	14,022	4,132	9,890
February ..	5,243	5,328	7,146	6,424	9,396	3,074	6,322
March ..	5,655	8,318	8,122	7,886	13,672	3,827	9,845
April ..	4,910	9,372	6,490	7,434	12,557	3,600	8,957
May ..	4,774	7,451	6,172	7,066	11,980	3,512	8,468
June ..	5,564	6,804	5,896	6,437	12,907	3,442	9,465
1960–61—							
July ..	4,815	5,034	5,871	5,620	9,665	3,406	6,259
August ..	6,186	6,069	6,607	7,076	11,333	4,951	6,382
September ..	6,818	4,417	5,950	6,524	7,780	3,357	4,423
October ..	9,216	5,375	7,923	6,946	11,809	3,545	8,264
November ..	8,305	5,125	7,626	8,095	12,076	5,117	6,959
December ..	6,832	9,585	10,124	7,831	12,174	4,632	7,542
January ..	9,660	7,445	8,454	10,026	14,752	6,754	7,998
February ..	6,769	6,468	8,331	8,055	8,276	2,881	5,395
March ..	5,844	8,874	9,542	9,045	14,933	4,486	10,447
April ..	5,897	8,351	7,992	8,702	11,327	3,350	7,977
May ..	5,515	8,794	7,027	8,496	11,124	4,500	6,624
June ..	5,998	6,625	7,320	7,540	13,232	4,816	8,416
1961–62—							
July ..	4,778	5,902	6,504	7,368	7,933	4,630	3,303
August ..	7,121	6,720	7,598	8,259	10,998	6,267	4,731
September ..	8,458	5,996	7,513	8,772	8,043	5,262	2,781
October ..	9,187	5,936	8,801	8,249	9,301	4,778	4,523
November ..	8,870	7,153	8,348	8,987	8,080	6,442	1,638

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

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Month.	Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.								Total Civilian Employees.		
	Mining and Quarry- ing. (b)	Fac- tories. (b)	Build- ing and Con- struc- tion.	Trans- port and Commu- nication.	Retail Trade.	Whole- sale Trade, etc.; Finance, Property.	Public Authori- ty(n.e.i.); Com- munity Services, etc. (c)	Amuse- ment, Hotels, Personal Service.	Private Em- ployers.	Govern- ment Authori- ties.(d)	Total.
MALES.											
1957—June ..	56.3	780.2	207.4	313.0	129.6	214.0	220.8	74.0	1,475.9	609.5	2,085.4
1958—June ..	51.6	791.1	202.4	311.8	132.7	216.3	226.1	74.2	1,476.1	621.8	2,097.9
1959—June ..	49.1	805.6	205.2	312.6	133.6	221.5	233.2	73.7	1,493.7	633.9	2,127.6
1960—June ..	49.3	840.9	206.6	312.0	137.3	231.1	240.6	75.3	1,554.4	633.3	2,187.7
1961—June ..	48.6	810.4	205.3	316.4	135.3	235.7	250.0	75.5	1,522.9	649.9	2,172.8
1960-61—October ..	49.3	848.4	206.5	310.7	139.2	233.9	241.9	76.1	1,571.8	628.8	2,200.6
Nov. ..	49.1	848.4	208.5	310.0	142.1	236.2	242.3	76.6	1,578.1	629.7	2,207.8
Dec. ..	49.1	844.5	206.4	311.8	143.7	237.6	243.2	77.8	1,577.0	631.7	2,208.7
January ..	48.2	845.2	207.7	313.5	140.1	239.2	244.5	77.2	1,576.1	634.9	2,211.0
February ..	48.8	838.4	208.7	314.0	138.7	239.4	246.5	76.8	1,569.2	637.7	2,206.9
March ..	49.0	830.3	206.6	315.6	137.8	238.9	247.3	77.1	1,557.3	641.1	2,198.4
April ..	48.6	824.8	205.9	316.6	136.8	238.0	248.3	76.4	1,547.0	644.0	2,191.0
May ..	48.8	818.4	206.7	316.3	136.3	236.8	249.3	76.0	1,536.1	648.0	2,184.1
June ..	48.6	810.4	205.3	316.4	135.3	235.7	250.0	75.5	1,522.9	649.9	2,172.8
1961-62—July ..	48.5	806.6	r203.2	315.5	135.3	234.1	250.7	75.1	r1,514.7	650.0	r2,164.7
August ..	48.3	804.3	r201.9	314.3	135.1	234.7	251.3	75.7	r1,510.7	650.6	r2,161.3
Sept. ..	45.8	800.6	r200.6	313.6	135.8	235.9	251.6	76.2	r1,506.0	649.6	r2,155.6
October ..	44.8	813.2	r198.7	311.9	136.5	236.4	252.3	75.8	r1,515.8	649.4	r2,165.2
Nov. ..	47.3	816.2	197.4	311.6	139.4	238.1	252.7	76.2	1,524.8	649.7	2,174.5
FEMALES.											
1957—June ..	1.2	242.9	5.3	40.1	121.6	90.3	192.2	78.9	647.4	132.8	780.2
1958—June ..	1.1	244.0	5.5	39.9	125.6	92.3	198.4	77.8	655.9	136.6	792.5
1959—June ..	1.1	248.9	5.6	40.3	126.5	95.3	209.9	77.3	669.1	143.9	813.0
1960—June ..	1.1	270.4	6.0	40.9	133.1	101.5	220.0	78.3	709.4	150.2	859.6
1961—June ..	1.2	246.0	6.3	41.5	133.5	104.3	230.9	76.8	691.4	157.6	849.0
1960-61—October ..	1.2	275.0	6.1	41.4	136.8	102.2	221.3	79.0	720.6	150.7	871.3
Nov. ..	1.2	275.6	6.1	41.6	142.3	102.8	221.9	79.3	727.9	151.3	879.2
Dec. ..	1.2	272.8	6.2	41.6	145.3	103.2	220.4	79.7	728.4	150.4	878.8
January ..	1.2	270.0	6.2	41.9	139.5	104.6	220.9	78.9	720.5	151.3	871.8
February ..	1.2	269.6	6.3	42.2	137.7	106.1	226.4	78.6	721.0	155.7	876.7
March ..	1.2	265.7	6.3	42.1	136.2	106.2	227.5	78.3	715.8	156.2	872.0
April ..	1.2	258.2	6.3	41.9	134.5	105.5	228.5	78.1	705.9	156.8	862.7
May ..	1.2	251.5	6.3	41.8	134.7	104.8	229.5	77.6	698.9	157.1	856.0
June ..	1.2	246.0	6.3	41.5	133.5	104.3	230.9	76.8	691.4	157.6	849.0
1961-62 July ..	1.2	242.4	6.3	41.1	132.7	103.9	232.5	76.3	686.2	158.8	845.0
August ..	1.2	243.4	6.3	41.1	132.9	103.7	232.6	76.3	687.5	158.6	846.1
Sept. ..	1.2	246.2	6.3	40.8	133.3	103.3	232.9	76.7	691.0	158.3	849.3
October ..	1.2	r251.2	6.2	40.8	134.9	r103.5	233.2	76.7	698.0	158.3	856.3
Nov. ..	1.2	254.3	6.2	40.8	141.2	103.6	233.3	76.7	707.6	158.3	865.9

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT(a)—continued.

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Month.	Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.								Total Civilian Employees.		
	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (b)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Whole-sale Trade, etc.; Finance, Property.	Public Authority(n.e.i.); Community Services, etc. (c)	Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service.	Private Employers.	Government Authorities.(d)	Total.
PERSONS.											
1952—June ..	59.7	902.0	218.2	339.4	237.4	264.1	364.7	148.8	1,935.0	693.7	2,628.7
1953—June ..	58.9	913.0	197.5	331.3	234.9	262.5	368.6	144.3	1,924.5	679.8	2,604.3
1954—June ..	59.7	970.0	210.4	336.6	243.7	275.3	374.1	146.0	2,014.1	695.9	2,710.0
1955—June ..	59.4	1,002.0	216.7	347.1	251.0	290.2	387.0	151.2	2,079.7	721.9	2,801.6
1956—June ..	58.5	1,020.5	219.7	350.5	253.0	300.8	401.5	152.1	2,120.9	734.7	2,855.6
1957—June ..	57.5	1,023.1	212.7	353.1	251.2	304.3	413.0	152.9	2,123.3	742.3	2,865.6
1958—June ..	52.7	1,035.1	207.9	351.7	258.3	308.6	424.5	152.0	2,132.0	758.4	2,890.4
1959—June ..	50.2	1,054.5	210.8	352.9	260.1	316.8	443.1	151.0	2,162.8	777.8	2,940.6
1960—June ..	50.4	1,111.3	212.6	352.9	270.4	332.6	460.6	153.6	2,263.8	783.5	3,047.3
1961—June ..	49.8	1,056.4	211.6	357.9	268.8	340.0	480.9	152.3	2,214.3	807.5	3,021.8
1959—60—October ..	50.1	1,080.2	209.1	351.4	263.3	320.4	446.2	152.2	2,200.0	774.3	2,974.3
Nov. ..	50.1	1,083.8	209.3	351.9	271.4	322.7	447.3	153.0	2,215.8	775.3	2,991.1
Dec. ..	50.1	1,077.0	207.6	350.4	278.2	323.9	446.4	155.5	2,217.3	773.6	2,990.9
January ..	50.4	1,085.6	208.6	353.3	267.5	327.1	445.7	155.5	2,221.4	775.0	2,996.4
February ..	50.4	1,098.3	210.3	353.1	267.2	329.9	454.4	154.6	2,238.2	782.8	3,021.0
March ..	50.4	1,105.7	211.7	353.4	267.4	332.0	457.2	154.6	2,251.0	784.5	3,035.5
April ..	50.3	1,103.1	210.9	352.6	267.7	331.3	458.3	154.7	2,247.7	784.3	3,032.0
May ..	50.4	1,108.3	211.3	352.5	271.3	331.6	459.7	153.9	2,258.0	783.9	3,041.9
June ..	50.4	1,111.3	212.6	352.9	270.4	332.6	460.6	153.6	2,263.8	783.5	3,047.3
1960—61—July ..	50.6	1,113.9	212.7	352.8	270.9	331.5	461.1	153.4	2,267.6	782.4	3,050.0
August ..	50.6	1,116.2	212.4	352.1	271.9	333.0	462.1	154.0	2,274.3	781.0	3,055.3
Sept. ..	50.4	1,121.0	211.9	351.3	273.6	334.4	462.3	154.9	2,283.0	779.6	3,062.6
October ..	50.5	1,123.4	212.6	352.1	276.0	336.1	463.2	155.1	2,292.4	779.5	3,071.9
Nov. ..	50.3	1,124.0	214.6	351.6	284.4	339.0	464.2	155.9	2,306.0	781.0	3,087.0
Dec. ..	50.3	1,117.3	212.6	353.4	289.0	340.8	463.6	157.5	2,305.4	782.1	3,087.5
January ..	49.4	1,115.2	213.9	355.4	279.6	343.8	465.4	156.1	2,296.6	786.2	3,082.8
February ..	50.0	1,108.0	215.0	356.2	276.4	345.5	472.9	155.4	2,290.2	793.4	3,083.6
March ..	50.2	1,096.0	212.9	357.7	274.0	345.1	474.8	155.4	2,273.1	797.3	3,070.4
April ..	49.8	1,083.0	212.2	358.5	271.3	343.5	476.8	154.5	2,252.9	800.8	3,053.7
May ..	50.0	1,069.9	213.0	358.1	271.0	341.6	478.8	153.6	2,235.0	805.1	3,040.1
June ..	49.8	1,056.4	211.6	357.9	268.8	340.0	480.9	152.3	2,214.3	807.5	3,021.8
1961—62—July ..	49.7	1,049.0	r209.5	356.6	268.0	338.0	483.2	151.4	r2,200.9	808.8	r3,009.7
August ..	49.5	1,047.7	r208.2	355.4	268.0	338.4	483.9	152.0	r2,198.2	809.2	r3,007.4
Sept. ..	47.0	1,046.8	r206.9	354.4	269.1	339.2	484.5	152.9	r2,197.0	807.9	r3,004.9
October ..	46.0	r1,064.4	r204.9	352.7	271.4	r339.9	485.5	152.5	r2,213.8	807.7	r3,021.5
Nov. ..	48.5	1,070.5	203.6	352.4	280.6	341.7	486.0	152.9	2,232.4	808.0	3,040.4

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestics, permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and, from June, 1952 to November, 1959, National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. (b) See note (b), page 9. (c) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health Services, Education and other Community and Business Services. (d) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT(a)—continued.
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Month.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1959—June ..	819.0	603.4	287.8	192.0	140.0	67.6	5.9	11.9	2,127.6
1960—June ..	846.8	623.4	290.4	196.6	141.7	69.4	6.3	13.1	2,187.7
1960-61—October ..	854.0	628.1	288.9	197.3	143.2	69.4	6.4	13.3	2,200.6
November	859.5	630.1	288.1	197.4	143.7	69.4	6.3	13.3	2,207.8
December	862.0	633.9	282.7	197.2	143.5	69.8	6.2	13.4	2,208.7
January ..	861.6	635.4	282.9	198.8	142.7	69.8	6.2	13.6	2,211.0
February ..	859.9	633.2	283.6	197.2	143.2	69.9	6.2	13.7	2,206.9
March ..	855.7	631.0	281.8	196.8	142.9	70.1	6.3	13.8	2,198.4
April ..	850.6	628.3	282.3	196.6	143.1	70.0	6.3	13.8	2,191.0
May ..	847.1	623.8	284.7	196.3	142.7	69.4	6.4	13.7	2,184.1
June ..	844.2	618.2	284.4	195.3	142.1	68.7	6.4	13.5	2,172.8
1961-62—July ..	841.0	613.9	284.9	194.4	141.9	68.6	6.5	r13.5	r2,164.7
August ..	838.6	613.9	283.1	194.3	142.8	68.5	6.4	r13.7	r2,161.3
September	841.8	611.5	279.8	190.4	143.5	68.2	6.6	r13.8	r2,155.6
October ..	844.8	616.1	278.2	194.8	142.9	68.1	6.5	r13.8	r2,165.2
November	848.1	618.5	279.2	196.0	143.8	68.4	6.5	14.0	2,174.5
FEMALES.									
1959—June ..	320.4	252.8	97.9	65.9	47.0	23.3	1.4	4.3	813.0
1960—June ..	340.1	268.1	101.8	69.8	49.2	24.2	1.6	4.8	859.6
1960-61—October ..	346.1	271.3	102.6	70.9	50.4	23.5	1.6	4.9	871.3
November	349.6	274.1	103.4	71.0	50.6	23.8	1.6	5.1	879.2
December	350.3	273.1	102.6	70.8	51.1	24.3	1.6	5.0	878.8
January ..	346.1	272.3	101.8	71.1	50.0	23.9	1.6	5.0	871.8
February ..	346.7	275.9	101.8	70.7	50.4	24.4	1.6	5.2	876.7
March ..	344.1	274.0	101.0	70.9	50.4	24.7	1.6	5.3	872.0
April ..	339.8	270.0	100.8	70.2	50.5	24.4	1.7	5.3	862.7
May ..	338.6	265.0	100.7	70.0	50.3	24.4	1.7	5.3	856.0
June ..	336.2	262.0	100.3	69.6	49.7	24.1	1.8	5.3	849.0
1961-62—July ..	334.6	259.9	100.6	69.5	49.7	23.7	1.7	5.3	845.0
August ..	335.3	260.3	100.9	69.4	49.7	23.5	1.7	5.3	846.1
September	337.4	261.5	100.9	69.2	49.9	23.3	1.7	5.4	849.3
October ..	341.2	263.5	100.7	70.3	50.2	23.2	1.7	5.5	856.3
November	345.2	267.4	100.7	71.1	50.8	23.5	1.7	5.5	865.9
PERSONS.									
1959—June ..	1,139.4	856.2	385.7	257.9	187.0	90.9	7.3	16.2	2,940.6
1960—June ..	1,186.9	891.5	392.2	266.4	190.9	93.6	7.9	17.9	3,047.3
1960-61—October ..	1,200.1	899.4	391.5	268.2	193.6	92.9	8.0	18.2	3,071.9
November	1,209.1	904.2	391.5	268.4	194.3	93.2	7.9	18.4	3,087.0
December	1,212.3	907.0	385.3	268.0	194.6	94.1	7.8	18.4	3,087.5
January ..	1,207.7	907.7	384.7	269.9	192.7	93.7	7.8	18.6	3,082.8
February ..	1,206.6	909.1	385.4	267.9	193.6	94.3	7.8	18.9	3,083.6
March ..	1,199.8	905.0	382.8	267.7	193.3	94.8	7.9	19.1	3,070.4
April ..	1,190.4	898.3	383.1	266.8	193.6	94.4	8.0	19.1	3,053.7
May ..	1,185.7	888.8	385.4	266.3	193.0	93.8	8.1	19.0	3,040.1
June ..	1,180.4	880.2	384.7	264.9	191.8	92.8	8.2	18.8	3,021.8
1961-62—July ..	1,175.6	873.8	385.5	263.9	191.6	92.3	8.2	r18.8	r3,009.7
August ..	1,173.9	874.2	384.0	263.7	192.5	92.0	8.1	r19.0	r3,007.4
September	1,179.2	873.0	380.7	259.6	193.4	91.5	8.3	r19.2	r3,004.9
October ..	1,186.0	879.6	378.9	265.1	193.1	91.3	8.2	r19.3	r3,021.5
November	1,193.3	885.9	379.9	267.1	194.6	91.9	8.2	19.5	3,040.4

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestics, permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and, for June, 1959, National Service Trainees in camp. See note (b), page 9, and notes on page 7.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

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Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
1937—June	..	205.8	184.5	48.0	41.8	21.3	11.9	373.3	140.0 513.3
1938—June	..	219.6	193.8	50.6	41.5	22.1	12.5	391.6	148.5 540.1
1939—June	..	219.6	192.4	52.0	40.6	21.8	13.2	391.0	148.6 539.6
1955—June	..	408.1	336.5	97.9	87.4	47.3	24.8	763.5	238.5 1,002.0
1956—June	..	418.0	341.1	98.4	89.4	46.5	27.1	778.0	242.5 1,020.5
1957—June	..	422.5	340.1	99.9	88.4	45.8	26.4	780.2	242.9 1,023.1
1958—June	..	431.5	342.8	99.4	88.9	45.2	27.3	791.1	244.0 1,035.1
1959—June	..	436.9	351.7	100.9	92.2	45.3	27.5	805.6	248.9 1,054.5
1960—June	..	461.6	374.2	102.5	97.1	46.8	29.1	840.9	270.4 1,111.3
1961—June	..	440.7	351.2	98.9	91.1	46.3	28.2	810.4	246.0 1,056.4
1959—60—Oct.	..	447.8	363.9	100.4	93.9	46.4	27.8	820.1	260.1 1,080.2
Nov.	..	450.7	366.3	97.7	94.5	46.6	28.0	821.3	262.5 1,083.8
Dec.	..	448.6	364.8	93.4	94.8	46.5	28.9	817.2	259.8 1,077.0
Jan.	..	450.5	368.1	94.9	96.0	46.4	29.7	824.8	260.8 1,085.6
Feb.	..	454.7	372.9	97.9	96.8	46.9	29.1	831.0	267.3 1,098.3
March	..	457.4	376.1	98.5	97.6	47.1	29.0	835.4	270.3 1,105.7
April	..	457.9	373.0	99.1	96.9	47.0	29.2	835.2	267.9 1,103.1
May	..	459.9	373.4	101.6	97.1	47.1	29.2	839.1	269.2 1,108.3
June	..	461.6	374.2	102.5	97.1	46.8	29.1	840.9	270.4 1,111.3
1960—61—July	..	462.4	375.0	103.6	97.1	47.0	28.8	842.8	271.1 1,113.9
Aug.	..	463.6	375.9	103.3	97.5	47.4	28.5	843.8	272.4 1,116.2
Sept.	..	466.2	378.0	102.8	97.9	47.8	28.3	846.8	274.2 1,121.0
Oct.	..	467.1	379.8	102.0	98.3	47.9	28.3	848.4	275.0 1,123.4
Nov.	..	468.4	381.0	100.1	98.1	48.0	28.4	848.4	275.6 1,124.0
Dec.	..	467.1	380.4	95.7	97.6	47.7	28.8	844.5	272.8 1,117.3
Jan.	..	464.2	379.4	96.5	98.3	47.8	29.0	845.2	270.0 1,115.2
Feb.	..	460.5	377.4	97.7	95.8	47.8	28.8	838.4	269.6 1,108.0
March	..	455.4	372.4	96.8	94.9	47.3	29.2	830.3	265.7 1,096.0
April	..	449.8	366.5	97.1	93.5	47.3	28.8	824.8	258.2 1,083.0
May	..	444.8	358.2	98.8	92.6	47.0	28.5	818.4	251.5 1,069.9
June	..	440.7	351.2	98.9	91.1	46.3	28.2	810.4	246.0 1,056.4
1961—62—July	..	436.7	347.6	100.5	90.3	46.1	27.8	806.6	242.4 1,049.0
Aug.	..	435.8	348.3	99.3	90.2	46.7	27.4	804.3	243.4 1,047.7
Sept.	..	439.8	347.8	98.5	86.3	47.2	27.2	800.6	246.2 1,046.8
Oct.	..	445.0	r356.3	97.4	91.2	47.3	27.2	r813.4	251.0 r1,064.4
Nov.	..	446.6	360.1	96.1	92.4	47.6	27.7	816.2	254.3 1,070.5

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp from June, 1955 to November, 1959. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1960, represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1960, the figures are interim estimates derived from Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections and are based on June, 1960. These interim estimates are subject to revision when Factory Censuses for 1960—61 and ensuing years are tabulated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBERS OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period	Unemployment.									Sickness. Australia.	Special.		
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Australia.(c)(d)				Ordinary.	Migrant.b	
							Males.	Females.	Persons.		Australia	Australia	
Monthly Average—													
1951–52 ..	(c) 949	220	1,374	(d) 24	64	16	1,966	681	2,647	6,454	993	(e)	
1952–53 ..	c17,590	6,168	4,281	(d) 842	841	262	25,526	4,458	29,984	7,140	1,408	(f) 415	
1953–54 ..	c 6,495	2,698	3,169	(d) 252	406	212	10,680	2,552	13,232	7,994	1,868	426	
1954–55 ..	1,440	538	1,408	66	153	81	2,623	1,067	3,690	7,984	1,983	484	
1955–56 ..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	3,066	948	4,014	7,303	1,973	464	
1956–57 ..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	10,355	2,311	12,666	6,992	2,012	823	
1957–58 ..	8,706	5,127	5,588	1,566	2,360	512	18,978	4,922	23,900	7,314	2,107	611	
1958–59 ..	11,588	5,743	4,883	1,603	2,838	611	20,204	7,107	27,311	8,241	2,147	463	
1959–60 ..	7,718	4,267	4,442	1,227	2,460	561	14,713	5,993	20,706	8,722	2,290	344	
1960–61 ..	7,332	4,884	6,263	1,732	2,200	576	17,243	5,795	23,038	8,505	2,397	437	
Last Saturday of Month—													
1959–60—													
November ..	6,954	3,727	4,502	1,115	2,113	600	13,337	5,700	19,037	8,990	2,245	131	
December ..	7,381	4,044	6,814	1,120	2,538	546	16,890	5,579	22,469	8,525	2,244	436	
January ..	7,849	3,946	7,765	1,152	2,638	397	18,054	5,727	23,781	8,188	2,326	480	
February ..	6,568	3,263	6,472	988	2,325	371	14,522	5,498	20,020	8,458	2,403	118	
March ..	6,011	3,254	5,356	1,034	2,073	286	12,562	5,480	18,042	8,842	2,410	388	
April ..	6,058	3,588	4,306	1,324	2,084	352	12,252	5,480	17,732	8,346	2,379	661	
May ..	5,719	3,768	3,382	1,375	2,075	424	11,475	5,290	16,765	8,693	2,275	87	
June ..	5,605	3,676	3,064	1,380	2,293	500	11,399	5,142	16,541	8,569	2,258	53	
1960–61—													
July ..	5,175	3,531	1,843	1,413	2,322	587	10,078	4,819	14,897	8,898	2,311	97	
August ..	4,461	3,052	2,059	1,177	1,977	590	8,947	4,384	13,331	9,134	2,300	127	
September ..	3,837	2,584	2,140	1,033	1,573	596	7,924	3,859	11,783	8,974	2,262	61	
October ..	3,177	2,009	2,468	809	1,425	452	6,840	3,524	10,364	8,987	2,365	249	
November ..	3,073	1,797	3,393	730	1,273	367	7,236	3,424	10,660	8,877	2,451	66	
December ..	4,659	2,116	7,751	875	1,890	319	13,647	3,986	17,633	8,216	2,447	193	
January ..	5,166	2,169	8,510	942	2,147	291	14,985	4,272	19,257	7,758	2,436	433	
February ..	5,375	2,341	9,045	1,494	2,328	323	15,854	5,087	20,941	8,166	2,463	95	
March ..	6,809	4,192	9,603	2,068	2,536	366	19,558	6,088	25,646	8,154	2,485	334	
April ..	11,539	7,537	9,528	2,933	2,717	689	26,609	8,416	35,025	8,111	2,498	1,104	
May ..	15,131	11,190	9,187	3,267	2,793	998	32,763	9,904	42,667	8,251	2,385	1,363	
June ..	19,574	16,089	9,632	4,042	3,417	1,336	42,479	11,775	54,254	8,536	2,356	1,116	
1961–62—													
July ..	23,198	19,798	7,781	4,948	3,762	1,814	48,057	13,442	61,499	9,016	2,279	1,677	
August ..	23,988	20,302	7,312	4,848	3,473	2,023	48,890	13,176	62,066	9,278	2,263	1,383	
September ..	21,027	19,380	7,637	6,273	2,963	2,182	47,603	11,958	59,561	9,067	2,295	953	
October ..	17,619	14,738	7,951	3,623	2,843	1,673	37,675	10,856	48,531	9,369	2,289	449	
November ..	16,324	13,130	8,754	3,278	2,376	1,575	34,993	10,552	45,545	9,299	2,265	233	
December ..	20,311	13,356	14,654	3,695	3,187	1,398	45,024	11,732	56,756	8,829	2,375	208	

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.
 Capital Territory.

(d) Includes Northern Territory.

(b) In reception and training centres.
 (e) Not available.

(f) Eight months only.

(c) Includes Australian

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

(Figures from 1952-53 inclusive are on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census.)

The figures in the table below relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Hotels, garages and service stations are also included in respect of goods sold, but establishments such as clubs and guest houses are entirely excluded. Figures for the years 1952-53 and 1956-57 are derived from censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas other figures are estimates made by means of sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries. (b)	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (c)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing and Drapery.	Footwear.	Hardware. (d)	Electrical Goods. (e)	Furniture.	Chemists' Goods.	Newspapers, Books and Stationery.	Other Goods. (f)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.). (g)	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (g)
Quarterly Average—														
1952-53 ..	65.3	31.9	51.6	43.3	76.5 | 12.2		28.0	19.0	18.2	12.7 | 13.3 | 52.7			424.7	104.9
1953-54 ..	68.7	33.5	55.9	46.7	96.9		30.7	22.8	20.2		84.1		459.5	123.5
1954-55 ..	75.5	36.7	61.6	51.1	104.8		33.9	24.8	21.6		92.1		502.1	142.9
1955-56 ..	82.2	39.7	67.3	55.5	108.3		36.0	26.1	23.0		99.6		537.7	153.3
1956-57 ..	86.0	42.5	70.7	59.4	95.2 | 14.8		36.1	28.3	23.1	19.2 | 17.3 | 69.4			562.0	157.9
1957-58 ..	89.6	42.7	73.6	62.0	112.8		36.3	34.4	24.4		109.7		585.5	171.2
1958-59 ..	94.3	44.7	78.5	61.3	101.2 | 16.2		39.4	39.9	25.0	23.8 | 18.7 | 70.4			613.4	186.2
1959-60p ..	101.0	48.4	85.9	64.9	111.0 | 18.2		42.3	48.8	29.2	26.4 | 20.3 | 76.5			672.9	223.9
1960-61p ..	108.6	53.0	90.9	66.3	115.4 | 19.2		43.5	47.9	29.9	29.2 | 21.2 | 81.6			706.7	226.8
Quarterly Total—														
1958-59—														
Sept. Qtr. ..	91.7	43.9	73.7	56.1	95.7 | 15.1		37.6	39.1	24.8	22.4 | 17.2			585.1	180.9
Dec. „ ..	99.0	44.6	81.7	67.1	117.6 | 18.7		44.9	45.9	28.1	25.6 | 21.3			675.1	195.5
Mar. „ ..	92.1	43.6	82.1	64.1	82.8 | 14.1		36.7	36.4	22.0	22.6 | 18.5			579.7	177.6
June „ ..	94.5	46.5	76.6	57.8	108.6 | 17.0		38.3	38.1	24.9	24.8 | 17.9			613.6	190.6
1959-60—														
Sept. „ ..	97.3	47.8	80.3	59.0	101.8 | 16.7		39.6	44.1	27.8	24.5 | 18.5			627.5	204.8
Dec. „ ..	105.3	47.5	90.5	70.7	127.5 | 20.7		48.0	54.5	32.8	28.4 | 22.9			735.2	236.6
Mar. „ ..	99.5	47.6	87.3	68.1	94.0 | 15.7		40.3	47.6	26.9	25.6 | 20.6			645.7	220.2
June p, ..	101.8	50.6	85.6	61.7	120.9 | 19.5		41.3	49.0	29.4	26.9 | 19.3			683.1	233.8
1960-61—p														
Sept. „ ..	105.4	53.1	87.6	61.2	110.1 | 18.4		42.7	48.5	31.9	27.8 | 20.1			685.8	250.9
Dec. „ ..	114.7	53.2	96.1	73.7	134.7 | 22.1		50.0	54.3	35.0	32.1 | 24.3			785.2	251.3
Mar. „ ..	106.2	51.6	92.4	69.3	95.5 | 16.5		40.7	45.1	26.0	28.0 | 20.9			668.2	200.0
June „ ..	108.3	54.2	87.3	61.1	121.2 | 19.8		40.4	43.7	26.6	29.0 | 19.6			687.5	205.1
1961-62—p														
Sept. „ ..	112.6	54.0	90.6	60.9	108.4 | 18.5		41.5	44.3	28.8	29.9 | 20.6			r687.4	r206.1
Monthly Total—														
1960-61—p	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(h)	..
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	227.0	..
1961-62—p	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	r225.5	..
July ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	228.1	..
Aug. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	r233.8	..
Sept. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	236.4	..
Oct. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	245.5	..
Nov. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(d) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, building sheets, tiles, joinery, cement). (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc.

(g) Includes tractors, new and used motor vehicles, etc., but excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

(h) For earlier monthly figures see page 2.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, &c.			Plant and Machinery.		
	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a) (£'000.)	Amount Financed.(b) (£'000.)	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a) (£'000.)	Amount Financed.(b) (£'000.)
Monthly Average—						
1953–54	(c)19,692	(c)13,174	(c) 7,374	(c)	(c)	(c)
1954–55	23,182	15,938	9,238	1,214	732	450
1955–56	25,484	17,700	10,496	1,584	992	616
1956–57	26,424	18,718	11,407	1,802	1,207	764
1957–58	29,848	21,467	13,110	1,872	1,322	851
1958–59	32,944	23,764	14,750	2,596	1,832	1,174
1959–60	37,231	27,633	17,684	2,857	2,209	1,450
1960–61	29,187	23,343	14,859	2,831	2,567	1,662
Monthly Total—						
1959–60—						
August	35,549	25,561	16,206	2,406	1,631	1,074
September	38,911	28,263	17,815	2,598	1,906	1,263
October	40,661	30,236	19,098	3,231	2,481	1,625
November	39,453	30,379	19,302	3,536	2,986	1,901
December	42,448	32,588	20,800	3,469	2,738	1,810
January	34,328	23,903	15,442	2,342	1,810	1,190
February	34,940	25,498	16,310	2,691	1,974	1,304
March	39,855	29,363	18,857	3,360	2,743	1,815
April	32,925	25,143	16,312	2,513	2,069	1,371
May	36,324	27,786	18,074	2,767	2,193	1,437
June	36,668	28,157	18,360	2,730	2,360	1,589
1960–61—						
July	35,548	27,343	17,738	2,834	2,300	1,545
August	38,195	29,557	19,119	2,811	2,249	1,494
September	36,886	29,047	18,802	3,003	2,498	1,640
October	36,796	29,280	18,898	3,803	3,741	2,477
November	38,530	32,200	20,791	4,525	4,371	2,796
December	28,046	23,484	14,733	3,265	3,073	2,042
January	22,902	18,580	11,593	2,354	2,038	1,302
February	19,605	15,939	9,963	1,988	1,795	1,124
March	24,854	20,418	12,661	2,648	2,307	1,461
April	22,620	18,079	11,338	2,123	2,084	1,324
May	24,468	19,341	12,108	2,425	2,236	1,411
June	21,725	16,808	10,557	2,178	2,081	1,307
1961–62—						
July p	22,636	17,002	10,724	1,922	1,953	1,211
August p	25,759	19,245	12,244	2,304	2,047	1,302
September p	25,432	19,012	11,988	2,100	2,137	1,361
October p	28,149	21,748	13,892	3,099	3,306	2,161

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

(c) Details relating to "Plant and Machinery" are included with "Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.".

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—*continued.*

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE: AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Period.	Household and Personal Goods.			Total (All Goods).		
	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a) (£'000.)	Amount Financed.(b) (£'000.)	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a) (£'000.)	Amount Financed.(b) (£'000.)
Monthly Average—						
1953–54	46,311	3,438	2,704	66,003	16,612	10,078
1954–55	53,535	4,091	3,315	77,931	20,761	13,003
1955–56	56,291	4,320	3,509	83,359	23,012	14,621
1956–57	56,473	4,437	3,564	84,699	24,362	15,735
1957–58	67,949	6,965	5,648	99,669	29,754	19,609
1958–59	69,688	6,951	5,714	105,228	32,547	21,638
1959–60	71,024	7,261	5,982	111,112	37,103	25,116
1960–61	51,501	5,551	4,550	83,519	31,461	21,071
Monthly Total—						
1959–60—						
August	62,494	6,221	5,027	100,449	33,413	22,307
September	71,150	7,183	5,947	112,659	37,352	25,025
October	73,854	7,382	6,103	117,746	40,099	26,826
November	76,867	7,624	6,283	119,856	40,989	27,486
December	92,195	8,807	7,289	138,112	44,133	29,899
January	77,751	7,601	6,252	114,421	33,314	22,884
February	66,547	6,910	5,603	104,178	34,382	23,217
March	72,251	8,133	6,675	115,466	40,239	27,347
April	59,831	6,210	5,152	95,269	33,422	22,835
May	67,841	7,295	6,035	106,932	37,274	25,546
June	67,604	7,429	6,144	107,002	37,946	26,093
1960–61—						
July	65,202	6,664	5,488	103,584	36,307	24,771
August	58,840	6,685	5,540	99,846	38,491	26,153
September	58,743	6,456	5,335	98,632	38,001	25,777
October	58,637	6,404	5,279	99,236	39,425	26,654
November	62,295	6,599	5,422	105,350	43,170	29,009
December	60,321	6,194	5,083	91,632	32,751	21,858
January	55,036	5,850	4,814	80,292	26,468	17,709
February	44,961	4,823	3,929	66,554	22,557	15,016
March	44,083	4,868	3,922	71,585	27,593	18,044
April	34,985	3,851	3,119	59,728	24,014	15,781
May	38,522	4,239	3,437	65,415	25,816	16,956
June	35,923	3,923	3,198	59,826	22,812	15,062
1961–62—						
July p	33,252	3,611	2,877	57,810	22,566	14,812
August p	37,581	4,210	3,364	65,644	25,502	16,910
September p	37,146	3,996	3,194	64,678	25,145	16,543
October p	38,512	4,416	3,485	69,760	29,470	19,538

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—*continued.*

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE): STATES.(a)
(£'000.)

As at—	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1953—30th June ..	35,202	20,052	15,131	8,532	6,765	3,108	88,790
1954—30th June ..	50,779	30,806	22,489	13,380	10,154	4,772	132,380
1955—30th June ..	68,952	44,830	29,240	18,633	14,151	7,012	182,818
1955—56—							
30th September ..	75,069	48,592	31,298	19,930	15,078	7,460	197,427
31st December ..	79,546	53,582	32,764	21,547	16,080	7,951	211,470
31st March ..	78,777	55,393	32,350	21,507	15,844	8,033	211,904
30th June ..	79,100	56,369	32,266	21,618	15,388	8,163	212,904
1956—57—							
30th September ..	80,850	58,158	33,962	22,772	15,276	8,497	219,515
31st December ..	83,831	61,458	36,089	24,734	15,877	9,033	231,022
31st March ..	83,868	62,214	36,608	25,216	15,331	9,049	232,286
30th June ..	85,480	64,255	36,934	25,342	15,488	9,023	236,522
1957—58—							
30th September ..	89,018	67,416	37,962	25,788	15,982	8,985	245,151
31st December ..	96,761	74,144	40,286	27,426	17,470	9,457	265,544
31st March ..	103,427	79,195	41,266	27,859	18,155	9,796	279,698
30th June ..	111,872	84,652	42,483	28,688	19,052	9,928	296,675
1958—59—							
30th September ..	120,375	89,609	44,361	29,630	19,605	10,148	313,728
31st December ..	130,813	96,302	47,472	31,780	21,201	10,784	338,352
31st March ..	134,777	98,035	48,488	31,820	20,526	10,747	344,393
30th June ..	141,028	100,193	49,451	32,621	20,779	10,696	354,768
1959—60—							
30th September ..	147,077	103,540	51,940	34,744	21,407	10,988	369,696
31st December ..	157,293	112,211	56,806	38,903	23,633	11,733	400,579
31st January ..	158,807	112,759	56,840	39,151	23,716	11,676	402,949
29th February ..	158,994	113,772	57,087	39,751	22,865	11,651	404,120
31st March ..	160,185	116,009	57,614	40,434	23,279	11,560	409,081
30th April ..	161,510	115,948	58,099	41,160	23,687	11,640	412,044
31st May ..	162,447	116,849	59,040	42,069	24,430	11,791	416,626
30th June ..	163,808	118,493	59,721	42,922	25,169	11,872	421,985
1960—61—							
31st July ..	164,195	119,003	60,288	43,358	25,852	12,196	424,892
31st August ..	165,267	118,894	61,011	44,184	26,397	12,414	428,167
30th September ..	167,809	119,827	62,151	45,110	26,602	12,622	434,121
31st October ..	169,502	120,958	62,719	45,764	27,316	12,734	438,993
30th November ..	173,290	122,597	63,900	46,867	28,438	13,067	448,159
31st December ..	174,328	121,938	64,668	47,156	29,161	13,192	450,443
31st January ..	174,926	120,530	63,635	47,055	29,388	13,428	448,962
28th February ..	171,175	117,992	61,586	45,934	27,688	13,152	437,527
31st March ..	167,313	114,556	60,490	44,812	27,526	12,933	427,630
30th April ..	167,408	112,850	59,341	43,636	27,066	12,938	423,239
31st May ..	165,324	110,530	58,049	43,000	27,052	12,677	416,632
30th June ..	161,575	106,911	57,431	42,362	27,060	12,310	407,649
1961—62—							
31st July p ..	159,141	104,951	55,884	41,489	26,782	12,165	400,412
31st August p ..	158,080	102,979	55,453	40,553	26,772	11,959	395,796
30th September p ..	157,493	101,080	54,644	39,942	26,877	11,836	391,872
31st October p ..	156,721	99,902	54,129	39,481	27,448	11,889	(d)389,570

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(d) Provisional estimates: 30th November, £m.389; 31st December, £m.388.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Period.	Net Sales Recorded.									
	Taxable Goods.		Exempt Goods.		Total.					
Monthly Average—										
1936-37	15.4	21.8	37.2		
1937-38	16.9	23.6	40.5		
1938-39	16.4	23.4	39.8		
1954-55	63.9	141.6	205.5		
1955-56	66.5	154.8	221.3		
1956-57	65.1	168.1	233.2		
1957-58	70.8	175.5	246.3		
1958-59	74.2	179.3	253.5		
1959-60	85.0	196.2	281.2		
1960-61	86.7	203.9	290.6		
Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.										
	2½%	8¼%	12½%	16¾%	25%	30%	40%			
Monthly Total—										
1959-60—										
November	..	18.7	41.2	10.8	9.4	15.9	..	96.0	201.6	297.6
December	..	21.1	44.0	11.1	10.5	14.3	..	101.0	207.4	308.4
January	..	12.7	30.5	7.9	6.0	9.9	..	67.0	154.9	221.9
February	..	15.5	33.5	10.4	6.9	17.4	..	83.7	188.1	271.8
March	..	16.6	37.0	11.2	8.4	16.4	..	89.6	214.7	304.3
April	..	14.4	32.8	9.8	7.7	13.6	..	78.3	200.4	278.7
May	..	16.5	34.3	11.1	9.3	15.7	..	86.9	209.9	296.8
June	..	15.1	33.2	11.1	7.9	16.3	..	83.6	211.7	295.3
1960-61—										
July	..	17.1	34.5	10.6	8.4	15.8	..	86.4	191.7	278.1
August	..	18.4	39.8	12.4	9.3	18.7	..	98.6	207.1	305.7
September	..	18.8	41.6	11.1	9.4	17.1	..	98.0	211.3	309.3
October	..	18.7	41.4	10.9	8.8	18.9	..	98.7	206.4	305.1
November	..	21.6	45.8	11.9	9.4	18.5	4.9	112.1	249.3	361.4
December	..	19.6	46.7	10.1	10.2	..	12.1	98.7	209.8	308.5
January	..	11.5	33.5	7.6	5.6	..	7.8	66.0	170.5	236.5
February	..	14.3	36.4	8.4	6.3	2.7	6.6	74.7	192.9	267.6
March	..	15.2	38.5	8.9	7.0	13.3	..	82.9	210.1	293.0
April	..	12.8	32.3	8.3	6.3	11.0	..	70.7	182.2	252.9
May	..	15.2	35.4	9.6	7.0	11.9	..	79.1	206.6	285.7
June	..	12.6	35.7	8.8	6.8	10.7	..	74.6	209.1	283.7
1961-62—										
July	..	r13.6	r33.8	r8.3	7.0	10.1	..	r72.8	r180.2	r253.0
August(a)	8.1	8.1	37.9	8.8	7.8	11.9	..	82.6	197.9	280.5

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols r, .., see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—										Fuels and Lubricants.(d)	Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e)	Munitions and War Stores.			
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.		Total. (c)									
	Class IA.	Class IB.	Motor Vehicle Assembly. ab	Other. (c)	Class Ic (1-4)	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.	Class VII.							
Monthly																
Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%	%			
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7			3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	7.2	415	4.8	31	0.4
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5			4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	7.4	480	4.5	36	0.3
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8			3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	7.8	476	5.1	88	0.9
1954-55 ..	3,044	4.3	517	0.7			25,691	36.7	29,252	41.7	4,790	6.9	2,503	3.6	728	0.9
1955-56 ..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8	5,672	8.3	25,665	37.7	g 34,454	50.6	3,889	5.7	2,357	3.4	1,071	1.6
1956-57 ..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2	24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,343	3.9	2,191	3.7	745	1.2
1957-58 ..	1,928	2.9	738	1.1	4,751	7.2	27,115	41.3	34,532	52.5	2,026	3.1	2,223	3.4	676	1.0
1958-59 ..	1,899	2.9	670	1.0	5,177	7.8	26,692	40.3	34,438	52.0	2,268	3.5	2,204	3.3	721	1.1
1959-60 ..	2,689	3.5	669	0.9	6,592	8.5	30,580	39.7	40,530	52.6	2,178	2.8	2,425	3.2	1,035	1.3
1960-61 p	3,433	3.8	978	1.1	7,142	7.9	36,908	40.8	48,461	53.6	2,222	2.4	3,212	3.6	651	0.7
Monthly Total—																
1959-60—																
October ..	2,059	2.8	730	1.0	4,991	6.8	30,858	41.8	38,638	52.4	2,221	3.0	2,890	3.9	392	0.5
November ..	2,063	2.8	581	0.8	5,418	7.3	29,972	40.4	38,034	51.3	2,204	3.0	2,261	3.1	1,497	2.0
December ..	1,997	2.6	766	1.0	5,388	7.1	30,342	39.9	38,493	50.6	1,920	2.5	2,301	3.0	887	1.2
January ..	2,340	3.1	531	0.7	7,482	9.9	30,418	40.4	40,771	54.1	1,062	1.4	2,368	3.1	879	1.2
February ..	3,123	4.0	713	0.9	5,829	7.4	29,643	37.8	39,308	50.1	2,867	3.7	2,106	2.7	2,355	3.0
March ..	3,792	4.3	776	0.9	9,029	10.2	33,088	37.6	46,685	53.0	2,096	2.4	2,480	2.8	872	1.0
April ..	2,740	3.8	580	0.8	7,542	10.4	27,498	37.9	38,360	52.9	1,992	2.8	3,067	4.2	1,605	2.2
May ..	3,576	3.9	693	0.8	8,833	9.7	36,647	40.4	49,749	54.8	2,689	3.0	2,207	2.4	953	1.0
June ..	4,160	4.6	796	0.9	8,366	9.2	36,447	40.3	49,769	55.0	2,119	2.3	2,520	2.8	628	0.7
1960-61 p—																
July ..	3,701	4.2	1,136	1.3	7,334	8.2	38,443	43.2	50,614	56.9	2,029	2.3	2,752	3.1	940	1.0
August ..	5,191	5.0	761	0.7	9,168	8.8	42,223	41.2	57,343	55.7	2,412	2.3	3,689	3.6	1,109	1.1
September ..	4,232	5.0	873	0.9	7,167	8.1	36,992	42.1	49,264	56.1	2,468	2.8	2,545	2.9	668	0.8
October ..	4,472	4.5	1,113	1.1	7,473	7.5	42,317	42.0	55,375	55.1	2,628	2.6	3,877	3.9	426	0.4
November ..	3,919	4.3	1,238	1.4	5,483	6.1	38,287	43.0	48,927	54.8	1,902	2.1	4,257	4.7	371	0.4
December ..	3,506	3.8	617	0.7	7,451	8.1	35,519	38.8	47,093	51.4	1,796	2.0	3,840	4.2	550	0.6
January ..	3,257	3.3	834	0.8	8,560	8.6	39,196	39.2	51,847	51.9	3,233	3.3	2,937	3.0	1,234	1.2
February ..	2,888	3.0	914	1.0	8,152	8.6	39,474	41.6	51,428	54.2	1,385	1.5	4,002	4.2	336	0.4
March ..	3,051	3.4	930	1.1	7,871	8.8	34,099	38.1	45,951	51.4	1,775	2.0	3,468	3.9	401	0.4
April ..	2,286	2.6	775	0.9	7,637	8.8	33,999	39.2	44,697	51.5	3,219	3.7	2,637	3.1	349	0.4
May ..	2,444	3.1	1,078	1.4	5,631	7.1	32,166	40.8	41,319	52.4	1,706	2.2	2,607	3.3	653	0.8
June ..	2,254	3.0	1,466	2.0	3,782	5.1	30,179	40.4	37,681	50.5	2,109	2.8	1,929	2.6	779	1.1
1961-62 p—																
July ..	1,664	2.4	1,197	1.7	3,515	5.0	26,987	38.7	33,363	47.8	2,372	3.4	2,865	4.1	522	0.8
August ..	1,969	2.7	925	1.3	4,239	5.8	27,572	37.8	34,705	47.6	1,776	2.4	2,720	3.7	1,414	2.0
September ..	1,827	2.7	1,389	2.1	2,259	3.4	26,531	39.5	32,006	47.7	2,557	3.8	2,400	3.6	922	1.3
October ..	2,084	3.0	1,248	1.8	2,353	3.4	26,377	38.5	32,062	46.7	1,471	2.1	3,431	5.0	1,147	1.7
November ..	2,016	2.9	844	1.2	2,517	3.6	27,325	39.0	32,702	46.7	1,974	2.8	3,247	4.7	478	0.7

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts.

(c) Excludes a percentage for piece-goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in classes VI. e-j and III. respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in Class I.c. (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in Class V.B. (g) Prior to July, 1955, excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class I.c. (5).

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period	Capital Equipment.					Finished Consumer Goods.						
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.			Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other.		Total.
			Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.					(a)	(a)	
	Class IV.	Class V.B.	Class V. A, C, D.	Class VI. A, B, C.	Class VI. D.	Class VI.E-J.	Class VI.					
Monthly Average—		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		%
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361	14.4
1954-55 ..	10,289	14.8	7,377	10.5	1,824	2.6	3,236	4.6	614	0.9	9,468	13.5
1955-56 ..	11,174	16.4	(b) 1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0
1956-57 ..	10,132	16.9	958	1.6	1,616	2.8	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	7,422	12.4
1957-58 ..	12,040	18.3	1,047	1.6	1,353	2.1	2,523	3.8	429	0.6	8,923	13.6
1958-59 ..	11,613	17.5	951	1.4	2,220	3.4	2,699	4.1	397	0.6	8,695	13.1
1959-60 ..	13,830	17.9	1,063	1.4	2,453	3.2	3,058	4.0	465	0.6	10,016	13.0
1960-61 p	16,534	18.3	1,438	1.6	1,715	1.9	3,470	3.8	650	0.7	12,100	13.4
Monthly Total—												
1959-60—												
October ..	12,168	16.5	936	1.3	3,336	4.5	3,570	4.8	272	0.4	9,386	12.7
November ..	13,461	18.2	824	1.1	2,247	3.0	2,663	3.6	376	0.5	10,531	14.2
December ..	15,185	20.0	1,122	1.5	2,941	3.9	2,850	3.8	413	0.5	9,882	13.0
January ..	14,016	18.6	1,185	1.6	1,624	2.2	3,088	4.1	507	0.6	9,841	13.1
February ..	13,817	17.6	980	1.3	3,261	4.2	3,358	4.3	617	0.8	9,655	12.3
March ..	15,658	17.8	1,458	1.7	2,191	2.5	3,633	4.1	756	0.9	12,166	13.8
April ..	13,382	18.4	1,010	1.4	1,764	2.4	2,654	3.7	543	0.7	8,225	11.3
May ..	16,989	18.7	1,419	1.6	1,443	1.6	2,979	3.3	490	0.5	11,913	13.1
June ..	16,388	18.1	1,307	1.4	1,823	2.0	3,381	3.7	416	0.5	12,249	13.5
1960-61 p—												
July ..	14,932	16.8	1,404	1.6	1,367	1.5	2,545	2.9	541	0.6	11,828	13.3
August ..	17,961	17.3	1,607	1.6	1,574	1.5	3,820	3.7	614	0.6	13,008	12.6
September ..	13,747	15.6	1,192	1.3	2,353	2.7	3,105	3.6	697	0.8	11,824	13.4
October ..	16,561	16.7	1,541	1.6	1,816	1.8	3,381	3.4	636	0.6	13,802	13.9
November ..	15,008	16.7	1,531	1.7	1,329	1.5	4,233	4.7	446	0.5	11,554	12.9
December ..	18,075	19.7	2,088	2.3	1,499	1.6	3,296	3.6	567	0.6	12,801	14.0
January ..	19,218	19.3	1,724	1.7	2,102	2.1	4,087	4.1	836	0.8	12,557	12.6
February ..	18,164	19.2	1,618	1.7	1,654	1.7	3,214	3.4	1,026	1.1	11,968	12.6
March ..	17,778	19.9	1,530	1.7	1,263	1.4	4,045	4.5	961	1.1	12,233	13.7
April ..	16,595	19.1	1,101	1.3	2,353	2.7	3,599	4.1	686	0.8	11,543	13.3
May ..	15,094	19.1	1,116	1.4	1,697	2.2	3,299	4.2	421	0.5	11,016	13.9
June ..	15,282	20.5	809	1.1	1,576	2.1	3,016	4.0	376	0.5	11,045	14.8
1961-62 p—												
July ..	13,907	19.9	769	1.1	2,182	3.1	2,842	4.1	582	0.8	10,361	14.9
August ..	13,756	18.9	824	1.1	2,481	3.4	3,387	4.6	637	0.9	11,251	15.4
September ..	12,081	18.0	870	1.3	1,006	1.5	3,405	5.1	565	0.8	11,325	16.9
October ..	12,514	18.2	921	1.3	1,652	2.4	3,932	5.7	324	0.5	11,264	16.4
November ..	14,092	20.1	970	1.4	2,112	3.0	3,195	4.6	366	0.5	10,867	15.5

(a) Includes a percentage for piece-goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 16. (b) Prior to July, 1955, includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class Ic (5).

For meaning of symbols p, ———, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.) (a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.) (b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 ..	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 ..	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1954-55 ..	8,818	4,986	15,448	428	2,082	10,808	9,246	13,167	47,668	70,081
1955-56 ..	10,095	4,557	c 19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956-57 ..	10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450	8,144	11,147	9,623	38,953	59,723
1957-58 ..	11,563	5,501	17,468	600	1,359	9,916	12,163	10,089	43,520	65,772
1958-59 ..	11,628	4,954	17,856	565	1,550	9,676	12,193	9,961	44,052	66,206
1959-60 ..	12,834	6,031	21,674	696	1,537	11,306	13,530	11,131	52,392	77,053
1960-61 p ..	13,395	7,377	27,689	785	1,571	13,847	14,181	12,782	63,490	90,453
Monthly Total—										
1959-60—										
October ..	14,549	5,796	18,293	840	1,330	11,058	15,389	10,690	47,730	73,809
November ..	12,855	6,277	18,896	598	1,048	11,924	13,453	10,833	49,812	74,098
December ..	12,611	5,811	20,071	501	1,518	11,126	13,112	10,603	52,279	75,994
January ..	13,413	5,018	22,339	555	1,353	11,528	13,968	8,864	52,509	75,341
February ..	12,594	6,177	20,537	855	1,560	11,215	13,449	11,907	52,968	78,324
March ..	14,747	6,438	25,467	788	2,149	13,618	15,535	12,275	60,185	87,995
April ..	10,793	5,724	21,908	570	1,428	9,424	11,363	10,458	50,781	72,602
May ..	15,007	7,000	27,754	705	1,514	13,163	15,712	12,840	62,279	90,831
June ..	13,574	7,451	28,819	936	1,852	13,258	14,510	13,033	63,057	90,600
1960-61 p—										
July ..	15,461	6,934	28,228	674	1,322	12,874	16,135	11,899	60,918	88,952
August ..	15,074	9,153	33,524	884	2,076	14,480	15,958	15,567	71,612	103,137
September ..	14,912	7,497	26,844	675	1,659	13,164	15,587	13,203	59,073	87,863
October ..	12,719	8,808	33,290	663	1,375	15,756	13,382	14,602	72,059	100,043
November ..	13,911	8,383	26,999	893	1,769	13,578	14,804	13,624	61,130	89,558
December ..	11,190	7,516	28,370	549	1,322	14,793	11,739	12,293	67,573	91,605
January ..	13,932	6,694	31,022	599	1,859	15,022	14,531	13,561	71,683	99,775
February ..	13,566	8,502	29,352	776	1,308	14,124	14,342	12,863	67,590	94,795
March ..	10,988	7,010	27,913	982	1,672	14,585	11,970	12,140	65,295	89,405
April ..	12,791	7,213	24,743	849	1,597	13,382	13,640	13,552	59,587	86,779
May ..	13,172	5,598	22,554	1,039	1,372	12,325	14,211	10,014	54,703	78,928
June ..	13,026	5,216	19,430	840	1,515	12,082	13,866	10,074	50,662	74,602
1961-62 p—										
July ..	10,456	4,501	18,386	797	1,430	11,558	11,253	9,467	49,045	69,765
August ..	11,404	4,411	18,890	819	1,865	12,591	12,223	9,360	51,368	72,951
September ..	12,773	4,765	14,468	814	1,655	12,826	13,587	10,100	43,450	67,137
October ..	11,936	4,599	15,527	841	1,474	13,205	12,777	8,714	47,227	68,718
November ..	10,694	4,751	17,257	583	1,294	12,551	11,277	9,199	49,527	70,003
December ..										61,942

(a) See note (c) page 16. (b) See note (a) page 17. (c) See note (g) page 16.

NOTE.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed."

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Mer- chandise.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402	12,316
1937-38 ..	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409	11,719
1938-39 ..	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356	10,128
1954-55 ..	5,291	2,049	5,461	731	703	2,604	1,642	29,426	2,070	63,170
1955-56 ..	5,039	2,414	5,513	762	650	2,070	1,740	28,127	2,106	64,236
1956-57 ..	4,250	2,152	6,811	715	549	2,407	2,022	40,310	2,684	81,083
1957-58 ..	4,602	1,303	3,570	1,089	762	2,919	2,116	31,116	1,829	67,525
1958-59 ..	8,100	2,079	4,309	785	1,062	2,687	1,964	25,187	1,580	67,226
1959-60 ..	7,386	2,387	6,402	775	756	2,228	2,648	32,180	1,358	77,163
1960-61 p	6,026	1,638	10,117	864	758	2,930	2,266	27,871	1,361	77,337
Monthly Total—										
1959-60—										
October ..	7,913	2,886	4,388	214	1,308	4,213	2,801	35,780	1,700	83,701
November ..	7,591	5,040	6,912	128	225	2,866	2,496	39,035	2,094	87,059
December ..	7,844	4,147	5,943	104	156	514	2,893	49,478	1,623	96,105
January ..	6,142	4,130	6,134	46	68	2,320	1,902	33,518	747	73,045
February ..	5,683	2,602	9,652	216	97	1,657	2,356	35,358	1,531	79,115
March ..	5,268	1,875	8,401	1,210	222	2,630	2,359	39,369	1,670	87,949
April ..	5,125	818	5,157	2,443	625	2,859	2,096	29,620	458	70,168
May ..	6,284	1,045	4,550	2,840	770	2,104	2,705	28,446	1,858	71,362
June ..	9,279	1,183	6,861	1,563	1,068	1,934	2,727	30,327	1,635	78,264
1960-61 p—										
July ..	8,561	1,264	5,482	322	1,383	694	2,263	25,775	1,266	66,467
August ..	6,478	764	7,787	173	709	2,663	2,392	14,845	1,694	61,099
September ..	5,987	835	7,268	189	374	6,551	2,462	17,435	1,559	64,473
October ..	5,461	1,784	6,777	145	649	3,947	2,137	25,581	1,491	68,726
November ..	4,556	2,163	8,060	78	812	3,011	2,125	33,510	1,681	76,772
December ..	5,981	2,683	6,634	70	903	3,275	2,196	34,720	788	77,145
January ..	4,809	3,471	9,187	39	194	2,463	1,851	33,033	1,062	76,549
February ..	5,911	2,929	11,020	160	64	1,475	2,152	28,675	1,615	79,080
March ..	6,257	1,592	15,528	851	145	3,033	2,340	32,527	1,501	86,415
April ..	4,335	720	14,424	2,606	628	2,441	1,850	28,590	1,190	81,359
May ..	5,998	517	15,563	3,519	1,233	2,441	2,754	28,774	1,079	92,641
June ..	7,997	929	13,675	2,216	2,003	3,165	2,671	30,982	1,412	97,315
1961-62 p—										
July ..	7,287	807	15,202	447	1,171	2,856	2,771	27,830	1,395	86,072
August ..	7,914	1,253	14,601	295	1,899	2,709	3,089	18,283	1,070	77,783
September ..	7,140	2,109	15,844	133	1,255	7,079	2,859	18,372	1,088	81,655
October ..	8,882	1,792	13,825	187	932	2,518	3,066	36,956	1,914	96,583
November ..	8,075	4,734	11,884	210	150	2,020	3,113	43,969	1,121	101,655
December ..										83,561

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, ———, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. In general the index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity, but average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.		
											Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.	
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (1936-37 to 1938-39)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00	
	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..	
1936-37	..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38	..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39	..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1954-55	..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	431
1955-56	..	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	397
1956-57	..	578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	444
1957-58	..	471	357	218	398	333	518	341	368	240	178	400	385
1958-59	..	362	350	230	386	394	475	383	367	335	178	351	339
1959-60	..	425	333	315	428	432	452	349	302	365	178	393	378
1960-61	..	390	335	229	398	463	461	p342	324	296	179	pr366	pr353
1959-60—													
October	..	430	330	359	431	388	440	361	307	395	178	398	382
November	..	422	333	367	437	374	458	360	304	312	178	395	380
December	..	437	333	367	436	411	458	359	307	334	178	405	389
January	..	437	333	355	435	444	455	329	300	345	178	405	389
February	..	415	331	310	427	459	448	332	293	346	178	389	374
March	..	415	331	276	432	465	458	335	279	345	178	386	371
April	..	430	333	248	438	475	454	338	283	322	178	391	376
May	..	415	332	248	437	463	461	327	286	316	178	382	368
June	..	415	337	255	426	479	453	324	300	303	178	384	370
1960-61—													
July	..	392	335	269	422	477	447	326	311	280	178	374	360
August	..	362	330	252	417	469	455	329	311	274	178	355	342
September	..	366	338	235	412	460	466	338	327	304	178	356	344
October	..	362	339	245	408	447	469	341	338	308	179	r355	342
November	..	377	339	239	409	435	450	345	333	310	180	r360	r348
December	..	373	334	235	390	439	455	348	317	302	179	r356	r343
January	..	377	330	225	376	419	447	346	308	307	180	r353	r341
February	..	392	331	215	386	461	451	346	317	300	178	r363	r350
March	..	400	333	208	391	474	450	347	338	308	178	r368	r355
April	..	430	337	210	393	490	462	347	339	296	178	r385	r371
May	..	430	336	209	392	488	458	p347	325	283	178	pr384	pr370
June	..	422	335	209	384	494	525	p346	320	275	178	pr382	pr368
1961-62—													
July	.. (e)	422	341	209	382	486	499	p343	299	306	179	pr382	pr368
August	..	422	344	208	381	477	464	p330	302	318	178	pr380	pr366
September	..	415	343	207	368	470	434	p328	282	320	178	pr374	pr360
October	..	p400	346	207	365	467	417	p314	257	316	178	p366	p353
November	..	p392	345	219	353	p455	405	p312	250	304	178	p361	p348

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) The individual items comprising the Meats group have been altered from October, 1960. For October, 1960 and subsequent months the Meats group index has been varied by the movement in prices of beef, lamb, mutton and canned meats weighted according to their average annual exports during 1956-57 to 1960-61. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Nominal.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—*continued.*

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND “OTHER GROUPS”.

Group indexes in the table on page 20 show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export, and comprises 46 per cent. of the base aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effect on the All Groups Index of movements in prices of the other components. “Wool” and “Other Groups” are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939=100.)

Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.		
1949–50..	473	308	383	1955–56 ..	464	342	397		
1950–51..	999	365	654	1956–57 ..	578	331	444		
1951–52..	564	397	473	1957–58 ..	471	313	385		
1952–53..	616	371	483	1958–59 ..	362	320	339		
1953–54..	615	356	474	1959–60 ..	425	339	378		
1954–55..	538	342	431	1960–61 ..	390	pr322	pr353		
Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups,
1956–57.									
July ..	490	330	403	(a)596	327	450	(a)400	304	348
August ..	520	330	417	551	331	431	354	310	330
September ..	566	336	441	543	328	426	354	312	332
October ..	551	332	432	498	323	403	336	318	326
November ..	581	331	445	483	315	391	339	323	330
December ..	588	329	447	445	305	369	328	324	326
January ..	596	330	451	453	306	373	321	325	323
February ..	611	330	458	468	303	378	339	318	328
March ..	596	329	451	422	304	358	347	319	331
April ..	618	331	462	400	301	346	415	321	364
May ..	626	333	467	392	303	344	415	327	367
June ..	596	332	452	400	306	348	400	334	364
1957–58.									
July ..	490	330	403	(a)596	327	450	(a)400	304	348
August ..	520	330	417	551	331	431	354	310	330
September ..	566	336	441	543	328	426	354	312	332
October ..	551	332	432	498	323	403	336	318	326
November ..	581	331	445	483	315	391	339	323	330
December ..	588	329	447	445	305	369	328	324	326
January ..	596	330	451	453	306	373	321	325	323
February ..	611	330	458	468	303	378	339	318	328
March ..	596	329	451	422	304	358	347	319	331
April ..	618	331	462	400	301	346	415	321	364
May ..	626	333	467	392	303	344	415	327	367
June ..	596	332	452	400	306	348	400	334	364
1958–59.									
July ..	490	330	403	(a)596	327	450	(a)400	304	348
August ..	520	330	417	551	331	431	354	310	330
September ..	566	336	441	543	328	426	354	312	332
October ..	551	332	432	498	323	403	336	318	326
November ..	581	331	445	483	315	391	339	323	330
December ..	588	329	447	445	305	369	328	324	326
January ..	596	330	451	453	306	373	321	325	323
February ..	611	330	458	468	303	378	339	318	328
March ..	596	329	451	422	304	358	347	319	331
April ..	618	331	462	400	301	346	415	321	364
May ..	626	333	467	392	303	344	415	327	367
June ..	596	332	452	400	306	348	400	334	364
1959–60.									
July ..	(a)407	338	370	392	333	360	(a)422	pr322	pr368
August ..	445	345	390	362	326	342	422	pr319	pr366
September ..	430	339	380	366	325	344	415	pr315	pr360
October ..	430	343	382	362	r326	342	p400	p313	p353
November ..	422	344	380	377	r323	r348	p392	p312	p348
December ..	437	349	389	373	r319	r343			
January ..	437	349	389	377	r311	r341			
February ..	415	340	374	392	r315	r350			
March ..	415	334	371	400	r317	r355			
April ..	430	331	376	430	r321	r371			
May ..	415	329	368	430	pr320	pr370			
June ..	415	332	370	422	pr322	pr368			
1960–61.									
July ..	(a)407	338	370	392	333	360	(a)422	pr322	pr368
August ..	445	345	390	362	326	342	422	pr319	pr366
September ..	430	339	380	366	325	344	415	pr315	pr360
October ..	430	343	382	362	r326	342	p400	p313	p353
November ..	422	344	380	377	r323	r348	p392	p312	p348
December ..	437	349	389	373	r319	r343			
January ..	437	349	389	377	r311	r341			
February ..	415	340	374	392	r315	r350			
March ..	415	334	371	400	r317	r355			
April ..	430	331	376	430	r321	r371			
May ..	415	329	368	430	pr320	pr370			
June ..	415	332	370	422	pr322	pr368			
1961–62.									
July ..	(a)407	338	370	392	333	360	(a)422	pr322	pr368
August ..	445	345	390	362	326	342	422	pr319	pr366
September ..	430	339	380	366	325	344	415	pr315	pr360
October ..	430	343	382	362	r326	342	p400	p313	p353
November ..	422	344	380	377	r323	r348	p392	p312	p348
December ..	437	349	389	373	r319	r343			
January ..	437	349	389	377	r311	r341			
February ..	415	340	374	392	r315	r350			
March ..	415	334	371	400	r317	r355			
April ..	430	331	376	430	r321	r371			
May ..	415	329	368	430	pr320	pr370			
June ..	415	332	370	422	pr322	pr368			

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the general trend of export prices, but do not take account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling in particular months. The “changing weights” index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the weights used are the quantities actually exported (sold in some cases) in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

All Groups.	Month of November.		Five months ended November.	
	1960.	1961.	1960.	1961.
Excluding Wool	100	98	100	97
Including Wool	100	102	100	104

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group: Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Basic Materials & Foodstuffs			
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.	Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (c)	Goods principally Imported (b)	Goods principally Home Produced (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1957-58 ..	398	238	437	349	280	453	355	325	301	355	339
1958-59 ..	392	231	362	327	293	423	340	332	283	358	336
1959-60 ..	395	225	403	331	379	431	347	348	281	375	348
1960-61 ..	399	222	387	331	341	439	346	372	278	394	360
1959-60—											
October ..	388	223	404	328	375	425	343	339	277	367	341
November ..	390	223	399	328	360	425	342	335	279	363	338
December ..	389	223	411	328	359	433	344	338	280	366	341
January ..	399	223	411	333	375	433	348	344	282	372	346
February ..	402	223	394	333	395	433	349	343	283	372	346
March ..	403	224	395	333	387	438	351	347	283	376	349
April ..	403	224	405	332	378	439	351	359	283	386	355
May ..	403	224	399	331	353	439	349	367	283	390	359
June ..	403	225	400	331	342	439	349	387	281	406	369
1960-61—											
July ..	403	225	384	329	349	439	349	390	280	409	371
August ..	401	225	366	329	365	439	347	392	280	410	372
September ..	402	226	370	329	370	439	349	388	280	407	370
October ..	402	223	368	329	378	439	348	377	279	399	364
November ..	402	222	377	329	377	439	348	365	280	390	357
December ..	400	221	376	329	342	439	345	363	280	386	355
January ..	399	219	380	332	323	439	344	359	278	384	352
February ..	397	219	389	332	322	438	344	362	276	386	354
March ..	397	220	395	332	324	438	345	367	276	391	357
April ..	395	221	413	332	325	439	346	371	277	394	359
May ..	395	221	413	332	318	439	345	365	277	389	356
June ..	393	218	408	332	303	439	342	362	274	386	353
1961-62—											
July ..	393	217	407	333	307	439	343	350	275	377	347
August ..	393	217	407	333	322	439	343	342	274	371	343
September ..	393	214	402	333	329	439	342	335	272	366	338
October ..	393	212	p391	333	314	439	p340	324	271	p357	p332
November ..	393	211	p385	333	297	439	p339	322	272	p354	p330

(a) Special purpose index for the " Metals and Coal " group excluding Coal and Briquettes was 435 for November, 1961.

(b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports. (c) Excluding potatoes and onions. Index numbers including potatoes and onions for November 1961, were: " Foodstuffs and Tobacco ", 336; " Goods Principally Home Produced ", 365; " Total All Groups ", 337

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

PRICE INDEX NUMBERS: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g. -95-) indicates that two series have been linked at that period. A line between two index numbers indicates that it is not possible to link two series (because of change in scope, &c.) and therefore the index numbers are not comparable with each other even though they are shown on the same base period.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES.

(Base: Year 1953=100.)

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries.

Period.	Australia.	Canada.	France.	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan. (Tokyo).	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa.	United Kingdom. (a) (1954=100)	United States of America.
1953	100	100	100	100	100	100		100
1954	99	98	98	99	99	101	100	100
1955	103	99	98	101	98	104	103	101
1956	106	102	102	103	102	104	107	104
1957	107	103	108	105	105	107	107	107
1958	105	103	121	106	98	108	101	108
1959	106	104	126	105	99	110	102	108
1960	112	104	130	107	101	110	102	109
Quarter—									
1960—June	..	113	105	130	106	100	110	102	109
September		116	104	128	107	101	110	101	108
December		112	104	131	108	102	111	101	109
1961—March	..	111	p105	p134	p108	p103	109	p101	p109
June	..	111	p105	p130	p108	p105	110	p101	p108
September		107	p106	p132	p108	p106		p101	p108

(a) Basic materials. Base: 1954=100.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES.

(Base: Year 1953=100.)

Period.	Australia. (a)	Canada.	France. (Paris).	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan.	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa. (b)	United Kingdom.	United States of America.
1953	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954	101	101	100	106	105	102	102	100
1955	103	101	101	102	-105-	-107-	105	106
1956	109	102	103	104	106	111	107	-112-
1957	112	106	-106-	107	109	113	110	116
1958	113	108	121	109	108	118	-114-	119
1959	116	110	129	110	110	123	115	120
1960	120	111	134	111	114	124	117	121
Quarter—									
1960—June	..	119	110	133	112	113	123	117	121
September		121	111	134	111	115	124	117	121
December		122	112	136	112	115	125	117	122
1961—March	..	123	p112	p136	p113	p117	125	p118	p123
June	..	123	p112	p136	p114	p118	125	p119	p111
September		123	p112	p137	p115	(c) 122	127	p120	p126

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base 1953=100. See pages 24 and 25.

(b) European families' expenditure.

(c) Average of July—August.

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

The Consumer Price Index was first published in August, 1960. It has been compiled for periods from September Quarter, 1948. An account of the index is given in Statistical Bulletin S.B. 891 (of January 1961) entitled "A Description of the Consumer Price Index."

GROUP INDEXES: WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX CAPITAL CITIES.
(Base of each index: Year 1952-53=100.0)

Period.		Food.	Clothing and Drapery.	Housing.	Household Supplies and Equipment.	Miscellaneous.	All Groups.
Year ended June—							
1952..	..	89.9	93.5	89.1	92.9	92.3	91.4
1953..	..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954..	..	103.5	100.7	104.8	101.6	99.9	102.0
1955..	..	104.3	101.0	108.4	101.4	99.9	102.6
1956..	..	110.2	102.0	115.1	101.6	105.9	106.9
1957..	..	115.3	103.9	122.1	105.8	118.0	113.1
1958..	..	113.3	107.0	127.3	107.5	119.7	114.2
1959..	..	115.4	108.2	130.6	108.7	121.2	116.0
1960..	..	119.8	109.4	135.2	109.8	123.9	118.9
1961..	..	127.7	111.6	144.8	111.2	127.3	123.8
Quarter—							
1954-55—June	..	106.1	101.9	110.1	100.6	100.4	103.6
1955-56—September	..	107.9	101.9	111.3	100.7	101.3	104.5
December	..	108.6	102.1	113.7	100.8	104.8	105.9
March	..	110.3	102.0	116.8	101.6	105.1	106.9
June	..	114.0	102.0	118.5	103.2	112.4	110.2
1956-57—September	..	119.0	102.3	119.7	103.6	116.0	112.9
December	..	115.6	103.3	121.7	105.5	118.0	113.0
March	..	112.9	104.2	122.3	107.0	118.6	112.6
June	..	113.8	105.6	124.5	107.1	119.3	113.7
1957-58—September	..	113.4	106.2	125.6	107.6	119.6	113.9
December	..	112.1	106.7	127.0	108.0	119.6	113.7
March	..	113.9	106.7	127.6	107.1	119.6	114.3
June	..	113.9	108.2	128.8	107.3	119.8	114.8
1958-59—September	..	113.7	108.2	129.2	107.9	120.1	114.9
December	..	114.6	108.4	130.4	108.7	121.3	115.8
March	..	116.3	108.1	130.9	108.9	121.5	116.3
June	..	117.1	107.9	131.9	109.1	121.9	116.8
1959-60—September	..	117.9	108.3	132.5	109.4	122.3	117.3
December	..	118.4	109.2	133.9	109.6	123.0	118.0
March	..	120.3	109.5	134.8	110.0	123.8	119.0
June	..	122.6	110.5	139.4	110.2	126.4	121.1
1960-61—September	..	126.0	110.7	141.4	110.6	126.7	122.5
December	..	126.7	111.5	144.1	111.0	127.2	123.3
March	..	128.6	111.7	145.7	111.3	127.5	124.2
June	..	129.4	112.4	148.0	111.9	127.7	125.0
1961-62—September	..	128.1	112.4	148.5	112.6	127.9	124.8

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

See note at top of page 24. The indexes shown below measure price movements in each State Capital city individually and for the weighted average of the six capital cities. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES SEPARATELY AND COMBINED.

(Base of each index: Year 1952-53=100.0)

Period.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capital Cities. (Weighted Average.)
Year ended June—							
1952	91.9	91.0	91.8	91.4	90.4	90.4	91.4
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954	101.6	102.0	102.0	102.3	103.0	105.0	102.0
1955	102.3	102.0	102.9	103.5	105.2	104.9	102.6
1956	105.7	108.1	106.3	106.9	107.9	110.2	106.9
1957	112.9	114.0	112.0	111.1	112.9	116.9	113.1
1958	114.5	114.4	114.4	111.9	113.6	117.0	114.2
1959	115.3	116.6	118.2	114.5	114.7	118.7	116.0
1960	117.8	120.0	121.2	118.0	116.9	120.8	118.9
1961	122.1	125.9	125.4	122.9	121.2	127.5	123.8
Quarter—							
1954-55—June ..	103.0	103.1	103.9	104.7	106.6	105.9	103.6
1955-56—September ..	103.7	104.7	104.4	105.2	106.4	107.4	104.5
December ..	104.7	107.3	104.9	106.0	106.8	109.1	105.9
March ..	105.5	108.4	106.4	106.5	107.9	110.5	106.9
June ..	108.8	112.0	109.5	109.9	110.5	113.6	110.2
1956-57—September ..	112.7	114.1	111.9	111.6	111.7	116.2	112.9
December ..	112.6	114.2	111.7	111.4	112.3	117.2	113.0
March ..	112.6	113.3	111.7	110.2	113.2	116.7	112.6
June ..	113.7	114.2	112.6	111.3	114.2	117.5	113.7
1957-58—September ..	114.0	114.4	112.8	111.9	114.0	116.7	113.9
December ..	113.9	114.2	113.7	111.6	113.0	116.9	113.7
March ..	115.0	114.2	115.0	111.5	113.2	117.1	114.3
June ..	115.1	114.6	115.9	112.7	114.1	117.3	114.8
1958-59—September ..	114.8	114.9	116.7	113.5	114.4	117.7	114.9
December ..	115.2	116.4	117.9	114.2	114.3	118.7	115.8
March ..	115.5	117.1	119.0	115.0	114.7	119.1	116.3
June ..	115.8	117.9	119.1	115.3	115.5	119.3	116.8
1959-60—September ..	116.3	118.2	120.2	116.3	115.9	119.7	117.3
December ..	117.2	118.8	120.8	116.9	115.7	120.1	118.0
March ..	118.2	119.8	121.6	118.3	117.1	120.8	119.0
June ..	119.6	123.0	122.3	120.6	119.0	122.6	121.1
1960-61—September ..	120.8	124.9	123.6	121.5	119.8	125.8	122.5
December ..	121.6	125.5	125.1	122.4	120.8	127.1	123.3
March ..	122.5	126.1	126.7	123.4	121.9	128.3	124.2
June ..	123.4	127.1	126.1	124.3	122.4	128.9	125.0
1961-62—September ..	123.1	126.8	127.0	123.5	121.7	129.1	124.8

SHARE PRICE INDEX.

This index relates to ordinary shares of the principal companies (excluding banks) listed on the Sydney Stock Exchange, whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. The total index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of thirty-four miscellaneous shares.

INDEX OF PRICES OF SHARES ON SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGE.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.) (a)

Period.	Twenty Three Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	Ten Retail Companies.	Four Pastoral and Finance Companies.	Four Insurance Companies.	Total Seventy Five Companies.	Thirty Four Active shares included in foregoing.
1936-37 ..	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026
1937-38 ..	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011
1938-39 ..	999	933	841	965	969	963
1955-56 ..	2,038	2,178	1,751	2,142	1,726	1,649
1956-57 ..	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653
1957-58 ..	2,188	1,972	1,886	2,827	1,836	1,803
1958-59 ..	2,411	2,002	1,597	3,117	1,966	1,978
1959-60 ..	3,188	2,702	2,382	4,245	2,718	2,743
1960-61 ..	3,223	2,866	2,095	4,888	2,787	2,855
1959-60—						
October ..	3,159	2,662	2,362	4,210	2,668	2,713
November ..	3,091	2,586	2,242	4,290	2,639	2,667
December ..	3,116	2,590	2,230	4,160	2,643	2,662
January ..	3,302	2,880	2,351	4,230	2,813	2,821
February ..	3,349	2,897	2,666	4,325	2,887	2,904
March ..	3,247	2,797	2,637	4,467	2,825	2,828
April ..	3,359	2,814	2,683	4,528	2,878	2,884
May ..	3,434	2,932	2,686	4,596	2,964	2,967
June ..	3,509	3,032	2,708	4,836	3,029	3,031
1960-61—						
July ..	3,488	2,965	2,552	4,891	3,029	3,025
August ..	3,512	2,995	2,486	5,012	3,056	3,061
September ..	3,538	3,216	2,428	5,118	3,086	3,117
October ..	3,411	3,118	2,174	5,036	2,951	2,994
November ..	3,070	2,859	1,967	4,836	2,697	2,740
December ..	2,992	2,715	1,950	4,689	2,582	2,662
January ..	3,033	2,709	2,020	4,667	2,615	2,716
February ..	3,105	2,723	1,990	4,795	2,656	2,766
March ..	3,085	2,731	1,919	4,747	2,631	2,745
April ..	3,102	2,730	1,871	4,749	2,665	2,754
May ..	3,117	2,759	1,898	4,899	2,682	2,794
June ..	3,224	2,874	1,881	5,219	2,794	2,884
1961-62—						
July ..	3,260	2,807	1,882	5,272	2,799	2,878
August ..	3,202	2,759	1,845	5,251	2,782	2,865
September ..	3,237	2,739	1,829	5,267	2,809	2,863
October ..	3,243	2,731	1,767	5,337	2,829	2,838
November ..	3,230	2,768	1,778	5,493	2,857	2,864

(a) Converted from original base, par values.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK: ADULT MALES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	
							Rates.	Index Nos. (Base 1954=100).

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE.(a)

	s.	d.										
30th June—												
1939 ..	99	10	97	3	96	10	94	4	100	3	91	9
1952 ..	267	1	254	7	250	5	252	7	260	5	255	4
1953 ..	284	10	274	7	260	1	270	6	279	6	280	2
1954 ..	287	8	278	8	269	7	273	7	283	9	283	0
1955 ..	298	2	290	7	278	1	284	4	292	5	292	0
1956 ..	311	10	305	9	292	2	295	10	305	3	311	11
1957 ..	324	0	315	9	302	10	306	5	317	9	319	0
1958 ..	329	7	319	1	310	9	312	0	319	6	322	11
1959 ..	338	3	330	8	326	10	328	0	327	2	333	3
1959—												
30th September ..	338	11	334	2	327	6	328	1	330	3	336	10
31st October ..	339	3	334	5	331	1	328	3	333	1	338	7
30th November ..	340	3	334	5	331	1	328	3	333	1	339	5
31st December ..	350	3	344	2	334	4	339	11	340	9	347	0
1960—												
31st January ..	351	1	346	5	335	5	340	10	342	7	347	3
29th February ..	353	8	349	2	337	1	341	1	343	11	347	10
31st March ..	354	9	349	2	338	11	341	4	345	3	347	11
30th April ..	354	10	349	3	339	8	341	6	345	7	348	8
31st May ..	356	4	349	4	343	5	341	9	350	4	349	3
30th June ..	356	6	349	5	344	8	341	9	350	4	349	7
31st July ..	356	9	349	6	345	2	341	10	355	9	349	7
31st August ..	358	7	349	8	347	3	342	0	355	9	351	1
30th September ..	358	7	349	8	347	4	342	0	355	10	351	2
31st October ..	358	7	349	8	350	0	342	0	357	11	351	3
30th November ..	362	6	349	10	350	8	342	0	357	11	351	7
31st December ..	362	8	349	10	350	8	342	1	358	1	351	11
1961—												
31st January ..	362	10	350	0	353	11	342	2	359	11	352	6
28th February ..	364	7	350	1	354	0	342	3	359	11	352	6
31st March ..	365	2	350	1	354	1	342	3	360	1	352	8
30th April ..	365	2	350	1	354	1	342	3	360	1	352	8
31st May ..	366	8	350	3	357	4	342	3	362	5	352	9
30th June ..	366	8	350	3	357	4	342	3	362	5	352	9
31st July ..	371	11	360	1	359	8	354	3	364	11	362	10
31st August ..	373	7	361	9	359	8	354	5	365	0	362	10
30th September ..	373	8	361	9	359	8	354	5	365	0	362	11
31st October ..	373	8	361	10	359	8	354	5	363	8	363	1
30th November ..	373	2	361	10	359	8	354	5	363	8	363	2

WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK.(b)

30th November, 1961	39.95	39.97	39.98	39.96	39.89	39.97	39.96	100.0
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(a) For a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements. Excludes Rural. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms, indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. (b) Excludes Rural and Shipping and Stevedoring.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES: ADULT MALES, AUSTRALIA.(a)

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL WAGE RATE.

Date.	Commonwealth Awards, etc.(b)				State Awards, etc.(c)				All Awards, etc.			
	Basic Wage.(d)	Margin.(e)	Loading.(f)	Total Wage.	Basic Wage.	Margin.(e)	Loading.(f)	Total Wage.	Basic Wage.	Margin.(e)	Loading.(f)	Total Wage.
	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d
30th June—												
1939 ..	79 8	17 2	0 3	97 1	81 3	17 2	0 5	98 10	80 5	17 2	0 5	98 0
1952 ..	216 3	38 6	3 8	258 5	216 8	37 5	5 10	259 11	216 6	38 0	4 8	259 2
1953 ..	234 9	39 0	3 4	277 1	233 7	38 11	4 0	276 6	234 2	38 11	3 8	276 9
1954 ..	237 4	39 2	3 4	279 10	237 9	40 0	4 6	282 3	237 6	39 7	3 11	281 0
1955 ..	237 4	52 1	2 4	291 9	237 8	48 9	4 9	291 2	237 6	50 6	3 6	291 6
1956 ..	248 6	53 0	2 4	303 10	250 7	51 6	5 7	307 8	249 5	52 4	3 10	305 7
1957 ..	258 4	54 3	2 5	315 0	259 9	53 3	5 4	318 4	259 0	53 9	3 11	316 8
1958 ..	263 0	54 5	2 6	319 11	264 5	54 8	4 2	323 3	263 8	54 7	3 4	321 7
1959 ..	277 1	55 1	2 7	334 9	270 8	55 6	4 5	330 7	274 0	55 3	3 6	332 9
1959—												
30th Sept. ..	277 1	55 2	2 7	334 10	273 7	55 9	4 7	333 11	275 5	55 6	3 6	334 5
31st Oct. ..	277 1	55 5	2 10	335 4	274 11	55 10	4 7	335 4	276 0	55 8	3 8	335 4
30th Nov. ..	277 2	55 5	2 10	335 5	275 8	55 10	4 7	336 1	276 5	55 8	3 8	335 9
31st Dec. ..	277 2	69 2	3 0	349 4	275 8	59 6	4 8	339 10	276 5	64 5	3 10	344 8
1960—												
31st Jan. ..	277 2	69 7	3 2	349 11	275 8	61 3	5 1	342 0	276 5	65 6	4 1	346 0
29th Feb. ..	277 2	69 9	3 2	350 1	277 8	63 6	5 0	346 2	277 5	66 7	4 1	348 1
31st March	277 2	69 9	3 2	350 1	277 8	65 2	5 1	347 11	277 5	67 5	4 1	348 11
30th April..	277 2	69 9	3 2	350 1	277 8	65 6	5 1	348 3	277 5	67 8	4 1	349 2
31st May ..	277 5	69 9	3 2	350 4	279 5	66 7	5 1	351 1	278 5	68 2	4 1	350 8
30th June ..	277 5	69 9	3 2	350 4	279 5	67 2	5 1	351 8	278 5	68 5	4 1	350 11
31st July ..	277 5	69 9	3 2	350 4	280 2	67 6	5 1	352 9	278 9	68 8	4 1	351 6
31st Aug. ..	277 9	69 10	3 2	350 9	281 10	67 8	5 1	354 7	279 9	68 10	4 1	352 8
30th Sept. ..	277 9	69 10	3 2	350 9	281 10	67 8	5 1	354 7	279 9	68 10	4 1	352 8
31st Oct. ..	277 9	70 0	3 2	350 11	282 10	67 9	5 1	355 8	280 3	68 11	4 1	353 3
30th Nov. ..	278 2	70 0	3 2	351 4	285 2	68 2	5 4	358 8	281 7	69 1	4 3	354 11
31st Dec. ..	278 2	70 0	3 2	351 4	285 2	68 4	5 3	358 9	281 7	69 2	4 2	354 11
1961—												
31st Jan. ..	278 2	70 1	3 2	351 5	286 4	68 4	5 4	360 0	282 2	69 3	4 3	355 8
28th Feb. ..	278 5	70 2	3 2	351 9	287 6	68 5	5 4	361 3	282 10	69 4	4 3	356 5
31st March	278 5	70 2	3 8	352 3	287 6	68 6	5 3	361 3	282 10	69 4	4 5	356 7
30th April..	278 5	70 2	3 8	352 3	287 6	68 6	5 3	361 3	282 10	69 4	4 5	356 7
31st May ..	278 8	70 2	3 8	352 6	289 6	68 6	5 6	363 6	283 11	69 4	4 7	357 10
30th June ..	278 8	70 3	3 8	352 7	289 6	68 6	5 6	363 6	283 11	69 4	4 7	357 10
31st July ..	289 7	70 3	3 6	363 4	291 10	68 6	5 6	365 10	290 8	69 5	4 6	364 7
31st August	289 9	70 4	3 6	363 7	293 11	68 7	5 5	367 11	291 9	69 6	4 5	365 8
30th Sept... ..	289 9	70 4	3 6	363 7	293 11	68 8	5 5	368 0	291 9	69 6	4 6	365 9
31st Oct. ..	289 9	70 5	3 6	363 8	293 9	68 8	5 5	367 10	291 8	69 7	4 5	365 8
30th Nov... ..	289 9	70 5	3 6	363 8	293 5	68 9	5 4	367 6	291 6	69 7	4 5	365 6

(a) Weighted averages of minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements. Excludes Rural. (b) Awards of, or agreements registered with, the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, and determinations of the Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator. (c) Awards or determinations of, or agreements registered with, State industrial tribunals, and certain unregistered agreements. (d) Because of the coverage and method of weighting, these rates differ from the "Six Capitals" Commonwealth basic wage rates shown on page 29. (e) Margins are minimum amounts, in addition to the basic wage, prescribed in awards, etc., as payable to particular classifications for skill, experience, arduousness and other like factors. (f) Loadings are minimum amounts, in addition to the basic wage and margin (if any), awarded for various kinds of disabilities associated with the performance of work, or to meet particular circumstances. They include payments such as industry loadings and other general loadings prescribed in awards, etc., for the occupations included in the Minimum Wage Rate Index.

BASIC WAGES: WEEKLY RATES, ADULT MALES.

Date.	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Six Capitals
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COMMONWEALTH BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN). (a)

	s. d.						
1939—September ..	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
1947—November ..	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
1948—November ..	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
1949—November ..	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	128 0	129 0
1950—November ..	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December ..	165 0	162 0	154 0	158 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
1951—November ..	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
1952—November ..	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
1953—February ..	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May ..	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August ..	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0
1956—June ..	253 0	245 0	228 0	241 0	246 0	252 0	246 0
1957—15th May ..	263 0	255 0	238 0	251 0	256 0	262 0	256 0
1958—21st May ..	268 0	260 0	243 0	256 0	261 0	267 0	261 0
1959—11th June ..	283 0	275 0	258 0	271 0	276 0	282 0	276 0
1961—7th July ..	295 0	287 0	270 0	283 0	288 0	294 0	288 0

STATE BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN).

	s. d. (b)	s. d. (c)	s. d. (d)	s. d. (e)	s. d. (f)	s. d. (c)	
1957—March ..	270 0	263 0	241 0	241 0	266 3	272 0	..
June ..	268 0	263 0	239 0	251 0	268 10	272 0	..
September ..	270 0	263 0	241 0	251 0	272 9	272 0	..
December ..	270 0	263 0	241 0	251 0	272 9	272 0	..
1958—March ..	269 0	263 0	244 0	251 0	268 6	272 0	..
June ..	274 0	263 0	248 0	256 0	268 6	272 0	..
September ..	274 0	263 0	254 0	256 0	272 3	272 0	..
December ..	273 0	263 0	256 0	256 0	273 5	272 0	..
1959—March ..	275 0	263 0	260 0	256 0	273 5	272 0	..
June ..	276 0	275 0	263 0	271 0	275 1	272 0	..
September ..	277 0	275 0	263 0	271 0	278 7	282 0	..
December ..	279 0	275 0	267 0	271 0	281 6	282 0	..
1960—March ..	283 0	275 0	269 0	271 0	281 6	282 0	..
June ..	285 0	275 0	271 0	271 0	286 4	282 0	..
September ..	288 0	275 0	273 0	271 0	292 3	282 0	..
December ..	294 0	275 0	276 0	271 0	294 7	282 0	..
1961—March ..	297 0	275 0	280 0	271 0	296 7	282 0	..
June ..	299 0	275 0	284 0	271 0	299 3	282 0	..
September ..	302 0	287 0	284 0	283 0	300 6	294 0	..
November ..	g301 0	h287 0	(i)284 0	(j)283 0	k298 9	(l)294 0	..

(a) Automatic adjustment in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers discontinued as from 12th September, 1953. Rates operative from beginning of first pay-period commencing in month shown or commencing on or after the date shown. (b) Automatic quarterly adjustments operative. To September, 1961 rates payable from beginning of first pay-period in month prior to that shown. (c) Automatic adjustments discontinued. Commonwealth rates adopted during 1959. (d) Determined by State industrial tribunal—to March, 1961, after considering retail price index numbers; thereafter, only after a full inquiry. (e) Rates same as Commonwealth basic wage rates. (f) Determined each quarter by State industrial tribunal, after considering retail price index numbers. (g) Payable from first pay-period in November. (h) During July and August, 1961, Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate. (i) 29th May. (j) 10th July. (k) 31st July. (l) Most Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate from July, 1961.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.(a)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment), from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the Defence Forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.		New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES PAID (£'000.).								
1954-55	..	17,970	12,901	5,601	3,940	2,928	1,399	44,739
1955-56	..	19,764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956-57	..	20,943	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957-58	..	21,664	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1958-59	..	22,414	16,240	6,970	4,823	3,347	1,725	55,519
1959-60	..	24,816	18,123	7,441	5,392	3,618	1,878	61,268
1960-61	..	26,884	19,198	7,853	5,670	3,891	1,952	65,448
1959-60—								
September	Quarter ..	23,555	17,389	7,438	5,248	3,533	1,768	58,931
December	.. ..	25,476	18,451	7,625	5,423	3,688	1,887	62,550
March	.. ..	23,878	17,658	7,086	5,288	3,487	1,842	59,239
June	.. ..	26,356	18,994	7,614	5,609	3,764	2,016	64,353
1960-61—								
September	.. ..	26,326	19,020	7,981	5,652	3,879	1,873	64,731
December	.. ..	28,332	20,207	8,202	5,876	4,005	1,984	68,606
March	.. ..	25,722	18,514	7,312	5,503	3,697	1,928	62,676
June	.. ..	27,158	19,049	7,916	5,646	3,984	2,024	65,777
1961-62—								
September	.. ..	26,360	18,908	8,040	5,651	3,977	1,919	64,855
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(d)								
1954-55	..	17.64	17.59	15.58	16.83	16.11	16.54	17.13
1955-56	..	18.92	18.78	16.49	17.88	16.92	17.75	18.28
1956-57	..	19.89	19.70	17.50	18.28	17.48	18.79	19.16
1957-58	..	20.44	20.22	17.94	18.68	18.05	18.95	19.67
1958-59	..	21.04	20.69	18.63	19.10	18.19	19.33	20.19
1959-60	..	22.77	22.28	19.89	20.61	19.46	20.71	21.76
1960-61	..	24.04	23.34	21.02	21.39	20.59	21.32	22.89
1959-60—								
September	Quarter ..	21.98	21.60	19.78	20.31	19.14	19.84	21.16
December	.. ..	23.47	22.68	20.48	20.82	19.87	20.91	22.28
March	.. ..	21.78	21.52	19.08	20.09	18.73	20.10	20.94
June	.. ..	23.84	23.30	20.23	21.22	20.11	21.98	22.66
1960-61—								
September	.. ..	23.65	23.25	21.05	21.35	20.58	20.62	22.68
December	.. ..	25.16	24.44	21.90	22.11	21.11	21.68	23.87
March	.. ..	22.87	22.32	19.78	20.70	19.58	20.90	21.83
June	.. ..	24.49	23.37	21.33	21.39	21.11	22.09	23.17
1961-62—								
September	.. ..	23.93	23.58	21.70	21.66	21.08	21.29	23.05

(a) Includes, in addition to wages at award rates, earnings of salaried employees, overtime earnings, over-award and bonus payments, etc. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Total wages and salaries, etc., divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. As it is not possible to estimate the ratio of female to male earnings in the several States, the same ratio has been used for each State. Because the actual ratio may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

BUILDING APPROVALS (a) : AUSTRALIA.

As from the July, 1960 issue of the *Review*, the statistics of building approvals on pages 31 to 33 replace the statistics of building permits previously shown. The new series uses a uniform approach in recording the numbers of individual houses and flats, adopts a more uniform classification of "government" and "private" and gives slightly wider coverage.

Period.	New Houses and Flats.						Other New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.(b)		Total.
	Private.(c)		Government. (c)		Total.		Private.(c)	Government.(c)	Private.(c)	Government.(c)	
	Number. (d)	Value. £'000.	Number. (d)	Value. £'000.	Number. (d)	Value. £'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—											
1953-54(e)	5,392	13,588	1,372	3,070	6,764	16,658	4,606	2,113	3,251	407	27,035
1954-55 ..	5,622	15,408	1,563	3,700	7,185	19,108	6,301	3,507	3,849	537	33,302
1955-56 ..	5,268	15,367	1,047	2,633	6,315	18,000	8,169	4,986	4,179	806	36,140
1956-57 ..	5,189	15,342	1,122	2,862	6,311	18,204	6,564	3,251	3,991	831	32,841
1957-58 ..	5,846	17,606	1,181	3,173	7,027	20,779	7,193	4,007	4,374	789	37,142
1958-59 ..	6,308	19,108	1,190	3,188	7,498	22,296	8,639	4,503	4,906	970	41,314
1959-60 ..	7,587	23,581	1,066	3,031	8,653	26,612	11,251	5,673	5,827	947	50,310
1960-61 ..	6,446	21,324	1,353	3,701	7,799	25,025	12,126	6,487	5,752	781	50,171
Monthly Total—											
1959-60—											
October ..	7,403	22,339	1,548	4,333	8,951	26,672	18,012	6,332	5,600	881	57,497
November ..	7,753	23,811	1,225	3,519	8,978	27,330	11,851	5,761	5,570	843	51,355
December ..	6,135	18,429	1,257	3,721	7,392	22,150	8,083	6,097	6,052	984	43,366
January ..	5,806	18,138	777	2,129	6,583	20,267	8,377	2,328	4,805	528	36,305
February ..	7,260	22,438	1,153	3,312	8,413	25,750	7,689	4,512	4,956	602	43,509
March ..	9,725	29,968	1,092	3,078	10,817	33,046	11,568	6,588	7,574	1,166	59,942
April ..	7,314	22,540	704	1,878	8,018	24,418	8,913	7,542	5,829	693	47,395
May ..	9,541	30,620	863	2,647	10,404	33,267	14,970	4,853	6,685	808	60,583
June ..	8,256	27,382	1,343	4,046	9,599	31,428	13,642	6,914	5,978	737	58,699
1960-61—											
July ..	8,106	26,112	1,285	3,185	9,391	29,297	12,668	9,698	6,519	693	58,875
August ..	9,170	30,494	1,226	3,326	10,396	33,820	13,448	4,385	6,568	900	59,121
September ..	8,448	26,972	972	2,821	9,420	29,793	12,631	11,846	6,424	577	61,271
October ..	8,187	27,099	2,382	5,993	10,569	33,092	12,981	6,216	6,480	753	59,522
November ..	7,376	23,904	1,286	3,531	8,662	27,435	20,306	6,983	6,096	525	61,345
December ..	5,299	18,103	1,355	3,612	6,654	21,715	12,410	4,651	4,987	479	44,242
January ..	4,812	15,738	788	2,298	5,600	18,036	8,356	2,468	4,781	919	34,560
February ..	5,084	16,936	872	2,547	5,956	19,483	9,376	5,617	5,607	1,251	41,334
March ..	5,107	17,172	1,234	3,067	6,341	20,239	9,772	7,033	5,766	774	43,584
April ..	4,552	15,422	819	2,288	5,371	17,710	6,459	3,391	4,890	759	33,209
May ..	5,850	19,667	1,316	3,815	7,166	23,482	15,710	7,400	5,855	604	53,051
June ..	5,363	18,270	2,699	7,928	8,062	26,198	9,241	10,303	5,059	1,134	51,935
1961-62—											
July ..	5,818	19,498	1,197	3,323	7,015	22,821	8,720	5,393	5,568	1,189	43,691
August ..	6,950	r23,891	775	2,362	7,725	r26,253	14,745	6,193	6,774	648	r54,613
September ..	5,540	18,732	1,483	4,369	7,023	23,101	12,156	11,201	6,277	484	53,219
October ..	6,066	20,615	1,099	3,143	7,165	23,758	7,888	11,496	6,124	467	49,733
November ..	6,394	21,485	1,014	3,045	7,408	24,530	15,142	7,650	6,530	356	54,208

(a) Includes building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. (b) In all States, except New South Wales, additions of £5,000 and over are included with new buildings. (c) Building is classified as "Private" or "Government" according to ownership. (d) Number of individual living units. (e) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbols r, —, see page 1.

BUILDING APPROVALS.

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED.(a)

(Including alterations and additions.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.(b)	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Monthly Average—									
1953–54 ..	10,139	8,145	3,022	2,099	2,700	930	n.a.	n.a.	(c)27,035
1954–55 ..	12,093	9,506	3,537	3,266	3,103	1,044	172	581	33,302
1955–56 ..	13,529	11,065	3,879	3,862	2,250	1,033	154	368	36,140
1956–57 ..	11,973	9,748	3,851	3,025	2,350	1,280	108	506	32,841
1957–58 ..	13,332	11,414	4,414	3,584	2,334	1,112	202	750	37,142
1958–59 ..	15,426	12,623	4,542	3,911	2,357	1,150	219	1,086	41,314
1959–60 ..	19,488	14,993	5,455	4,428	2,889	1,631	312	1,114	50,310
1960–61 ..	18,773	13,825	6,118	5,568	3,006	1,264	249	1,368	50,171
Monthly Total—									
1959–60—									
October ..	24,549	14,682	5,212	7,364	2,952	1,771	311	656	57,497
November ..	16,580	18,480	5,457	4,129	2,381	2,863	154	1,311	51,355
December ..	17,008	11,483	4,953	3,092	2,424	1,939	135	2,332	43,366
January ..	13,711	10,262	4,540	4,092	2,012	857	244	587	36,305
February ..	16,294	12,969	4,702	4,546	2,439	1,367	293	899	43,509
March ..	24,702	18,842	6,224	4,342	3,287	1,465	190	890	59,942
April ..	20,194	13,362	4,791	3,984	3,411	1,277	87	289	47,395
May ..	25,758	17,060	5,808	4,376	4,016	1,669	807	1,089	60,583
June ..	19,486	19,061	7,233	5,214	3,486	1,887	538	1,794	58,699
1960–61—									
July ..	23,554	19,544	6,354	4,581	2,883	1,219	246	494	58,875
August ..	22,221	19,154	7,032	4,724	3,244	1,718	174	854	59,121
September ..	23,684	13,912	8,413	5,244	3,291	1,747	174	4,806	61,271
October ..	22,787	17,405	6,589	7,312	3,375	1,007	133	914	59,522
November ..	18,333	19,186	6,040	10,632	3,591	1,589	119	1,855	61,345
December ..	18,884	12,303	4,874	3,061	2,732	1,052	123	1,213	44,242
January ..	14,429	7,650	4,883	2,974	2,708	851	328	737	34,560
February ..	16,948	9,910	4,035	6,570	2,069	1,013	428	361	41,334
March ..	15,850	12,022	5,226	5,567	2,996	1,071	221	631	43,584
April ..	12,377	8,907	4,849	2,470	2,442	1,287	476	401	33,209
May ..	19,053	12,872	9,421	5,644	3,128	1,331	249	1,353	53,051
June ..	17,155	13,037	5,697	8,042	3,608	1,292	309	2,795	51,935
1961–62—									
July ..	18,102	10,455	4,997	3,559	3,214	1,776	693	895	43,691
August ..	22,352	13,955	5,374	5,391	3,409	2,587	183	1,362	r54,613
September ..	22,017	12,457	5,069	5,577	4,145	1,921	126	1,907	53,219
October ..	21,122	13,062	5,119	3,594	4,067	1,191	363	1,215	49,733
November ..	21,886	13,603	5,021	6,592	3,160	1,150	291	2,505	54,208

(a) See note (a) page 31. (b) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards, not previously collected.
(c) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r,—, see page 1.

BUILDING APPROVALS.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED.(a)

(Individual living units.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Monthly Average—									
1953–54 ..	2,554	1,820	926	512	734	218	n.a.	n.a.	(b) 6,764
1954–55 ..	2,490	2,013	838	752	751	234	27	80	7,185
1955–56 ..	2,127	1,881	809	678	518	222	24	56	6,315
1956–57 ..	2,309	1,760	825	584	525	229	14	65	6,311
1957–58 ..	2,505	2,008	907	780	482	212	27	106	7,027
1958–59 ..	2,929	2,066	952	708	455	219	31	138	7,498
1959–60 ..	3,484	2,422	1,039	777	537	228	37	129	8,653
1960–61 ..	3,058	1,966	993	892	510	200	32	148	7,799
Monthly Total—									
1959–60—									
October ..	3,215	2,559	1,093	1,143	526	246	51	118	8,951
November ..	3,716	2,377	1,101	825	505	252	33	169	8,978
December ..	3,069	1,929	959	453	521	198	30	233	7,392
January ..	2,591	1,845	834	591	457	169	36	60	6,583
February ..	3,107	2,261	1,003	1,165	456	221	64	136	8,413
March ..	4,611	3,089	1,190	927	597	238	42	123	10,817
April ..	3,364	2,242	1,094	606	495	174	12	31	8,018
May ..	4,282	2,910	1,231	796	810	263	43	69	10,404
June ..	3,849	2,970	1,045	762	463	274	56	180	9,599
1960–61—									
July ..	3,706	2,524	1,090	1,120	581	252	35	83	9,391
August ..	4,051	3,153	1,326	840	607	233	19	167	10,396
September ..	3,835	2,366	1,158	937	606	238	12	268	9,420
October ..	3,733	2,773	1,213	1,920	606	217	26	81	10,569
November ..	3,267	2,182	972	1,161	567	228	9	276	8,662
December ..	2,560	1,738	799	762	427	208	26	134	6,654
January ..	2,427	1,051	828	627	333	154	73	107	5,600
February ..	2,830	1,261	727	462	411	164	74	27	5,956
March ..	2,667	1,495	834	671	407	179	21	67	6,341
April ..	2,205	1,240	869	391	440	147	49	30	5,371
May ..	2,928	1,693	1,177	466	498	192	34	178	7,166
June ..	2,492	2,112	920	1,345	635	185	12	361	8,062
1961–62—									
July ..	2,968	1,630	949	603	505	217	13	130	7,015
August ..	3,029	2,016	996	610	558	278	30	208	7,725
September ..	2,613	1,668	815	1,101	554	213	12	47	7,023
October ..	2,836	1,883	960	487	619	219	60	101	7,165
November ..	2,861	1,848	865	784	684	228	45	93	7,408

(a) See note (a) page 31.

(b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS: AUSTRALIA.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1955–56 ..	53,021	41,171	94,192	56,565	31,602	88,167	156,393	218,652	375,045
1956–57 ..	52,355	37,551	89,906	52,434	37,957	90,391	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957–58 ..	57,259	37,861	95,120	57,875	48,410	106,285	163,698	191,497	355,195
1958–59 ..	63,698	44,395	108,093	65,919	45,074	110,993	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959–60 ..	73,164	57,814	130,978	71,371	50,415	121,786	170,924	227,532	398,456
1960–61 ..	74,801	63,204	138,005	78,429	60,276	138,705	160,839	246,344	407,183
Quarterly Total—									
1958–59—									
June Qtr.	66,043	53,583	119,626	68,017	42,919	110,936	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959–60—									
Sept. ,,	69,063	61,214	130,277	69,183	52,555	121,738	160,739	203,441	364,180
Dec. ,,	68,639	50,314	118,953	73,102	49,364	122,466	157,096	205,469	362,565
Mar. ,,	73,118	56,469	129,587	67,592	49,002	116,594	163,648	213,449	377,097
June ,,,	81,836	63,258	145,094	75,608	50,739	126,347	170,924	227,532	398,456
1960–61—									
Sept. ,,	86,205	67,041	153,246	78,641	52,258	130,899	179,696	242,527	422,223
Dec. ,,	81,331	67,965	149,296	85,532	63,723	149,255	176,479	250,719	427,198
Mar. ,,	67,307	57,911	125,218	73,790	63,747	137,537	171,417	246,124	417,541
June ,,,	64,361	59,898	124,259	75,753	61,376	137,129	160,839	246,344	407,183
1961–62—									
Sept. ,,,	72,378	63,821	136,199	73,932	58,908	132,840	160,349	252,874	413,223

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Quarterly Average—									
1955–56 ..	31,035	27,899	7,630	8,429	8,419	3,199	484	1,072	88,167
1956–57 ..	33,274	28,708	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	571	1,485	90,391
1957–58 ..	42,310	32,939	9,510	9,512	6,816	3,210	528	1,460	106,285
1958–59 ..	39,960	34,359	11,250	11,099	7,566	3,362	647	2,750	110,993
1959–60 ..	44,436	37,041	12,551	11,910	7,530	3,951	640	3,727	121,786
1960–61 ..	52,297	40,788	14,826	13,467	9,006	4,253	779	3,289	138,705
Quarterly Total—									
1958–59—									
June Qtr.	37,606	36,058	11,887	11,135	6,499	4,305	525	2,921	110,936
1959–60—									
Sept. ,,	43,363	35,644	12,066	11,313	7,261	3,739	635	7,717	121,738
Dec. ,,	41,694	40,131	13,890	12,206	8,380	3,162	595	2,408	122,466
Mar. ,,	44,854	35,023	11,586	11,664	6,394	3,857	730	2,486	116,594
June ,,,	47,834	37,364	12,663	12,457	8,085	5,045	601	2,298	126,347
1960–61—									
Sept. ,,	46,364	42,960	13,597	12,313	8,797	3,251	685	2,932	130,899
Dec. ,,	53,334	42,146	18,062	15,845	10,617	4,513	538	4,200	149,255
Mar. ,,	54,369	40,196	14,976	12,373	8,479	3,894	729	2,521	137,537
June ,,,	55,119	37,850	12,669	13,335	8,132	5,356	1,166	3,502	137,129
1961–62—									
Sept. ,,,	49,314	40,881	15,677	11,405	7,134	4,125	728	3,576	132,840

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
COMMENCED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1955–56 ..	6,096	5,490	1,847	2,127	1,672	631	85	207	18,155
1956–57 ..	6,080	5,190	1,963	1,782	1,429	665	63	192	17,364
1957–58 ..	6,461	5,804	1,836	1,863	1,390	616	78	289	18,337
1958–59 ..	7,372	6,067	2,222	2,219	1,368	692	83	399	20,422
1959–60 ..	8,453	6,681	2,570	2,431	1,565	635	106	395	22,836
1960–61 ..	8,808	5,797	2,588	2,460	1,512	594	104	359	22,222
Quarterly Total—									
1959–60—Sept. Qtr.	8,254	6,100	2,478	2,442	1,523	620	83	418	21,918
Dec. "	7,858	6,649	2,453	2,356	1,358	674	125	427	21,900
Mar. "	7,950	6,718	2,560	2,564	1,707	582	104	384	22,569
June "	9,749	7,255	2,787	2,363	1,674	665	114	350	24,957
1960–61—Sept. "	9,635	7,474	2,883	2,783	1,743	702	98	320	25,638
Dec. "	9,403	6,764	2,498	2,476	1,567	554	85	579	23,926
Mar. "	8,571	4,484	2,626	2,181	1,339	583	95	257	20,136
June "	7,623	4,467	2,344	2,399	1,402	538	137	279	19,189
1961–62—Sept. r "	8,033	5,510	2,674	2,504	1,669	664	117	376	21,547
COMPLETED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1955–56 ..	6,786	5,981	1,899	1,952	2,086	693	78	151	19,626
1956–57 ..	5,782	5,270	1,848	1,856	1,349	716	82	206	17,109
1957–58 ..	6,611	5,618	1,922	1,994	1,592	652	68	189	18,646
1958–59 ..	7,508	6,441	2,214	2,196	1,514	677	89	401	21,040
1959–60 ..	8,352	6,555	2,481	2,395	1,565	668	85	404	22,505
1960–61 ..	9,099	6,569	2,651	2,566	1,603	665	101	362	23,616
Quarterly Total—									
1959–60—Sept. Qtr.	8,300	6,271	2,424	2,309	1,613	656	75	495	22,143
Dec. "	8,071	7,119	2,648	2,570	1,615	638	95	407	23,163
Mar. "	7,983	5,901	2,307	2,337	1,367	652	92	313	20,952
June "	9,054	6,928	2,544	2,363	1,665	726	79	404	23,763
1960–61—Sept. "	8,589	7,181	2,867	2,673	1,580	676	114	354	24,034
Dec. "	9,427	7,664	3,015	2,796	1,814	735	108	486	26,045
Mar. "	9,502	5,571	2,320	2,231	1,496	552	80	287	22,039
June "	8,879	5,861	2,401	2,563	1,523	699	101	320	22,347
1961–62—Sept. r "	8,168	5,777	2,505	2,325	1,549	591	75	481	21,471
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
1955–56 ..	18,103	18,978	3,213	6,373	4,596	2,375	240	1,057	54,935
1956–57 ..	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,869
1957–58 ..	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958–59 ..	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1959–60 ..	18,501	18,409	3,716	5,749	3,529	1,957	262	1,354	53,477
1960–61 ..	17,336	15,321	3,464	5,325	3,167	1,672	274	1,342	47,901
1959–60—Sept. Qtr. ..	18,055	17,735	3,415	5,736	3,437	2,052	185	1,317	51,932
Dec. " ..	17,842	17,265	3,220	5,522	3,180	2,088	215	1,337	50,669
Mar. " ..	17,806	18,082	3,473	5,749	3,520	2,018	227	1,408	52,283
June " ..	18,501	18,409	3,716	5,749	3,529	1,957	262	1,354	53,477
1960–61—Sept. ..	19,547	18,702	3,732	5,859	3,692	1,983	246	1,320	55,081
Dec. " ..	19,523	17,802	3,215	5,539	3,445	1,802	223	1,413	52,962
Mar. " ..	18,592	16,715	3,521	5,489	3,288	1,833	238	1,383	51,059
June " ..	17,336	15,321	3,464	5,325	3,167	1,672	274	1,342	47,901
1961–62—Sept. r ..	17,201	15,054	3,633	5,504	3,287	1,745	316	1,237	47,977

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversion of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include "home units".

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Pro- duction). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under- ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas- works.	Total Elec- tricity Gen- erated.	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel. (b)	Zinc, Refined. (c)(d)	Lead, Refined. (c)(e)	Copper, Refined. (c)
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million therms. (f)	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly Average—												
1936–37 ..	976	1	977	258	108.2	8.9	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937–38 ..	988	2	990	300	123.3	9.3	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938–39 ..	1,048	3	1,051	267	135.1	9.4	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416	1,457
1954–55 ..	1,393	220	1,613	806	90.0	18.4	1,267	155.7	184.1	8,376	19,613	2,533
1955–56 ..	1,403	183	1,586	865	86.0	18.9	1,398	159.2	193.4	8,664	18,372	2,039
1956–57 ..	1,469	174	1,643	898	88.5	19.6	1,524	174.8	231.2	8,691	19,983	2,711
1957–58 ..	1,519	178	1,697	906	90.3	20.0	1,650	190.3	253.1	9,416	21,352	2,987
1958–59 ..	1,555	150	1,705	1,020	91.7	20.4	1,767	191.1	267.0	9,559	19,912	3,772
1959–60 ..	1,613	156	1,769	1,175	90.5	21.4	1,929	221.3	293.3	9,816	19,776	5,404
1960–61 p ..	1,720	195	1,915	1,310	89.1	22.1	2,089	251.0	311.4	10,495	18,965	5,749
Monthly Total—												
1959–60—												
October ..	1,718	154	1,872	1,185	94.6	21.9	1,925	257.1	307.9	10,119	17,658	6,694
November ..	1,682	161	1,843	1,145	97.6	19.0	1,824	207.0	298.4	9,734	20,053	5,678
December ..	1,137	133	1,270	1,035	98.5	18.2	1,766	213.0	296.7	10,092	19,797	4,046
January ..	1,195	105	1,300	1,062	79.1	16.5	1,721	215.1	285.2	9,840	21,708	4,186
February ..	1,591	131	1,722	1,124	80.4	17.2	1,752	194.5	275.2	9,245	20,700	6,187
March ..	1,815	165	1,980	1,169	93.2	19.1	1,914	219.3	297.4	9,942	19,697	5,637
April ..	1,525	148	1,673	1,130	94.0	20.0	1,857	239.2	294.4	9,707	18,881	6,241
May ..	1,770	188	1,958	1,293	81.2	25.2	2,159	247.8	314.7	10,054	19,465	6,428
June ..	1,761	210	1,971	1,337	96.7	27.0	2,195	248.5	305.1	9,184	20,360	6,327
1960–61 p—												
July ..	1,756	218	1,974	1,397	90.1	28.1	2,312	239.3	309.3	10,500	21,661	4,569
August ..	1,987	224	2,211	1,417	89.9	27.4	2,303	251.9	332.2	10,366	20,321	6,534
September ..	1,852	205	2,057	1,333	94.3	24.0	2,121	243.2	309.7	9,974	20,255	5,507
October ..	1,771	199	1,970	1,299	96.3	22.4	2,081	255.6	315.2	10,460	19,911	6,240
November ..	1,873	206	2,079	1,239	90.5	21.0	2,030	249.0	312.6	10,287	18,649	7,225
December ..	1,514	160	1,674	1,167	98.3	19.2	1,946	278.5	336.3	10,680	20,918	5,594
January ..	873	128	1,001	1,203	81.9	17.1	1,873	235.4	256.5	10,632	19,572	5,160
February ..	1,781	172	1,953	1,204	83.4	16.8	1,859	233.2	281.6	9,859	18,176	5,179
March ..	1,984	200	2,184	1,259	82.0	19.1	2,048	263.5	325.3	11,057	17,480	5,937
April ..	1,268	169	1,437	1,269	97.2	19.8	1,949	241.4	320.8	10,875	17,284	5,652
May ..	2,048	243	2,291	1,495	81.8	24.9	2,285	272.0	332.3	11,352	17,511	5,598
June ..	1,932	216	2,148	1,441	84.0	25.9	2,266	279.2	330.6	9,894	15,841	5,791
1961–62 p—												
July ..	1,958	261	2,219	1,484	88.6	28.4	2,408	293.4	351.7	12,455	18,360	5,600
August ..	2,064	297	2,361	1,576	97.4	27.1	2,388	291.6	338.0	12,196	18,278	6,422
September ..	r1,889	r285	r2,174	1,363	90.9	23.5	2,156	271.4	339.2	12,990	17,552	6,594
October ..	2,055	245	2,300	1,369	100.5	21.1	r2,131	251.9	r337.6	12,653	15,199	5,019
November ..				1,414		19.9	2,124	232.0	308.0		293.0	348.0

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.
 Resources. (d) Refined slab; includes small quantities of metal recovered from zinc dust used in works.
 of antimonial lead and of lead-silver bullion produced for export.

(b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (e) Includes lead content of
 (f) 1 Therm = 100,000 British Thermal Units. (g) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period	Building Materials.						Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.
	Roofing Tiles.			Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel.(b)	Gas.(b)	
	Clay Bricks. Million.	Terra-cotta. '000.	Cement. '000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730
1954-55 ..	69.9	5,328	4,477	2,340	120.8	160.0	1,482	4,147	4,897	3,929
1955-56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,482	2,208	120.8	169.6	(e) 1,510	3,942	4,753	3,984
1956-57 ..	67.1	4,806	3,716	2,120	118.2	181.0	1,355	3,834	4,550	4,323
1957-58 ..	73.2	4,911	4,122	2,169	115.9	190.9	1,507	3,603	4,663	4,588
1958-59 ..	78.4	4,936	4,355	2,241	121.7	206.8	1,528	3,288	5,531	5,315
1959-60 ..	85.9	4,739	4,741	2,522	126.8	220.3	1,552	3,071	6,390	6,037
1960-61 p..	88.4	4,612	4,526	2,366	116.4	238.3	1,415	2,613	6,093	5,770
Monthly Total—										
1959-60—										
October ..	90.5	4,882	4,978	2,772	137.3	226.7	1,605	3,345	7,363	6,315
November ..	84.6	4,599	5,014	2,789	134.9	224.6	1,618	3,138	7,114	6,783
December ..	78.5	4,255	4,236	2,405	119.5	218.2	1,359	3,070	6,682	6,628
January ..	56.9	3,159	3,137	1,444	95.4	170.8	1,104	1,871	3,775	3,573
February ..	85.7	4,674	4,397	2,601	117.2	211.6	1,594	2,856	6,479	16,836
March ..	99.2	5,187	5,319	2,554	130.7	228.3	1,754	3,095	6,757	6,110
April ..	81.9	4,556	4,528	2,405	115.3	221.1	1,470	2,659	5,241	5,809
May ..	94.8	4,862	5,421	2,647	129.7	230.6	1,626	3,084	5,953	6,596
June ..	91.5	5,182	5,029	2,593	138.3	233.6	1,621	3,204	5,657	5,416
1960-61 p—					(f)					
July ..	91.2	4,556	5,204	2,657	127.5	243.3	1,577	3,677	6,323	5,242
August ..	101.1	5,433	5,549	2,817	133.2	244.8	1,696	3,972	8,588	7,469
September ..	97.9	4,844	5,369	2,790	144.5	253.2	1,640	3,414	7,668	7,052
October ..	96.0	4,723	5,410	2,894	135.4	252.9	1,598	2,734	7,138	6,871
November ..	102.1	5,601	5,512	2,818	133.3	246.7	1,542	3,073	7,411	8,063
December ..	78.9	3,863	4,202	1,911	111.2	218.3	1,310	2,157	5,994	5,910
January ..	65.1	2,917	3,453	1,532	85.0	193.1	1,087	1,302	4,077	4,438
February ..	85.0	4,807	4,123	2,421	101.6	r228.1	1,351	1,718	6,171	5,661
March ..	91.6	4,840	3,964	2,128	107.7	255.5	1,365	2,284	5,653	5,119
April ..	75.6	4,241	3,353	1,954	94.0	230.6	1,198	2,026	4,470	4,266
May ..	93.1	5,158	4,251	2,366	105.7	r251.0	1,332	2,578	4,742	4,590
June ..	83.7	4,366	3,926	2,100	117.6	243.2	1,286	2,419	4,879	4,554
1961-62 p—										
July ..	84.8	4,426	3,818	2,406	105.6	242.2	r1,217	2,954	5,473	4,717
August ..	91.3	4,728	4,493	2,575	118.1	248.6	r1,280	3,127	6,417	5,667
September ..	86.7	4,169	4,278	2,539	112.2	239.1	r1,161	2,661	5,433	5,552
October ..	86.3	4,401	3,799	2,220	117.8	244.5	r1,253	2,392	7,522	6,902
November ..	82.8	4,550	4,337	2,397	228.7	1,313	2,106	7,258	7,470	27,943

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) From July, 1955 represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States. (f) Source: Forestry and Timber Bureau and State Forests Commission of Victoria from July, 1960.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.(a)			Wool Textiles.			Boots, Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (b)
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).	Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.(a)	Woven Cloth.(a)	
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	
Monthly Average—							
1936–37 ..	730	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208
1937–38 ..	965	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176
1938–39 ..	974	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164
1954–55 ..	3,458	2,753	1,259	11.3	3.56	2.38	1,657
1955–56 ..	3,379	3,222	1,308	12.1	3.60	2.33	1,651
1956–57 ..	3,498	3,856	1,895	13.8	3.98	2.73	1,745
1957–58 ..	3,720	3,695	1,768	12.8	3.82	2.68	1,782
1958–59 ..	3,607	3,522	1,376	13.1	3.38	2.27	2,005
1959–60 ..	3,849	3,588	1,378	14.6	4.25	2.52	2,136
1960–61 p..	3,612	3,714	1,643	13.0	4.02	2.21	1,998
Monthly Total—							
1959–60—							
October ..	3,618	3,363	1,386	14.4	4.52	2.77	2,507
November ..	3,756	3,483	1,482	15.3	4.39	2.86	2,504
December ..	3,159	2,891	1,212	13.6	3.71	2.37	1,967
January ..	2,926	3,012	987	12.5	2.98	1.84	1,222
February ..	3,721	3,460	1,302	14.2	4.22	2.68	1,935
March ..	4,228	3,897	1,296	16.1	4.91	3.08	2,172
April ..	3,822	3,605	1,240	12.9	4.03	2.28	1,778
May ..	4,264	3,935	1,451	15.5	4.65	2.50	2,079
June ..	4,774	4,465	1,897	16.3	4.87	2.56	2,204
1960–61 p—							
July ..	4,316	4,191	1,626	14.0	4.25	2.28	2,070
August ..	4,718	4,443	1,652	13.5	4.97	2.67	2,493
September ..	4,286	4,163	1,569	12.1	4.64	2.50	2,447
October ..	4,106	4,008	1,733	13.4	4.51	2.52	2,339
November ..	4,455	4,306	1,850	14.5	r5.19	2.94	2,465
December ..	2,994	3,118	1,519	12.8	3.45	1.98	1,673
January ..	2,953	3,296	1,427	10.6	r2.97	1.64	1,219
February ..	3,485	3,793	1,669	13.6	4.07	2.35	1,790
March ..	3,710	3,739	1,628	13.4	4.15	2.39	2,069
April ..	2,723	3,069	1,599	11.3	r3.19	1.78	1,653
May ..	2,932	3,270	1,612	13.5	r3.80	1.88	1,981
June ..	2,667	3,176	1,830	13.4	r3.13	1.61	1,782
1961–62 p—							
July ..	2,673	3,196	r1,456	12.4	2.82	1.56	r1,995
August ..	3,107	3,102	r1,659	12.2	3.49	1.98	r2,396
September ..	3,105	3,274	1,634	11.9	3.38	2.11	r2,282
October ..	3,462	r3,699	r1,554	13.6	3.68	2.16	2,491
November ..	3,972	4,035	1,695	15.6	4.09	2.42	2,592

(a) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named.

(b) Includes Infants' Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Hosiery.						Underwear.(a)		Shirts, Men's and Boys'.	
	Men's.	Women's.		Children's.	Infants' and Baby Wear.(b)	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.			
		Full length (Fully Fash. and Circular)	Other.							
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.		
Monthly Average—										
1936–37	83.1	157.1		49.1		191.8		(c)60.6	
1937–38	86.7	183.7		52.0		227.6		(c)69.9	
1938–39	91.9	178.0		51.0		229.2		(c)56.2	
1954–55	(d)138.7	(e) 201.8	(f) 93.9	{(g)}	{(h)}	119.6	235.4	117.5	
1955–56	(d)130.0	(e) 192.0	(f) 88.6			130.3	234.4	109.1	
1956–57	120.9	214.2	22.9	67.1	9.2	139.8	244.3	118.8	
1957–58	122.7	184.8	25.0	60.3	8.4	151.5	238.0	127.5	
1958–59	109.2	204.8	18.9	62.2	7.9	154.5	247.5	134.5	
1959–60	129.7	212.1	22.0	65.9	11.4	156.2	261.6	153.0	
1960–61 p	113.7	215.9	18.4	61.0	9.0	158.5	278.6	151.6	
Monthly Total—										
1959–60—										
October	162.0	230.1	22.9	73.7	11.9	155.6	280.4	193.3	
November	151.3	219.6	22.0	66.4	16.5	168.2	302.6	179.7	
December	112.8	175.8	18.3	56.9	10.3	142.9	267.5	146.2	
January	75.5	135.2	14.0	42.6	8.1	94.2	156.9	76.9	
February	112.6	205.3	22.3	68.5	10.1	155.2	260.3	121.5	
March	127.7	232.8	27.7	70.6	9.8	178.4	284.8	141.0	
April	108.8	195.3	22.9	59.8	8.8	133.1	217.6	119.2	
May	130.6	225.6	25.2	73.4	12.5	156.4	266.3	146.8	
June	141.1	245.2	26.1	74.1	12.4	180.7	289.6	164.6	
1960–61 p—										
July	134.6	238.2	25.9	72.7	12.6	164.2	301.4	173.2	
August	159.0	259.6	27.7	85.2	14.2	201.8	327.8	209.6	
September	150.5	266.3	22.9	76.3	13.1	177.8	299.1	207.7	
October	155.6	239.8	21.4	62.3	13.1	182.6	307.9	190.9	
November	149.0	260.4	20.7	73.8	11.4	216.7	360.9	203.1	
December	87.3	196.3	14.9	55.5	8.2	145.5	268.3	127.8	
January	64.0	145.8	10.6	44.6	6.7	104.4	166.0	73.8	
February	104.9	210.3	18.9	63.3	6.4	171.4	283.3	122.5	
March	110.3	220.2	17.9	60.0	5.2	166.7	278.1	134.1	
April	74.2	154.8	12.8	40.2	5.6	113.2	221.4	106.8	
May	94.4	213.5	15.6	51.6	5.7	138.0	276.9	139.5	
June	81.1	185.8	12.0	46.8	6.1	120.1	252.3	129.8	
1961–62 p—										
July	90.1	189.8	17.5	53.2	5.8	138.8	r259.8	131.9	
August	118.9	222.3	20.8	62.4	9.7	r165.0	304.3	163.2	
September	124.7	246.6	20.9	67.9	10.1	167.0	286.7	156.1	
October	130.4	263.0	20.6	74.4	11.2	186.0	330.6	173.7	
November	142.8	258.5	23.6	80.3	10.3				

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric.

(b) From July, 1956 specified as sizes 0 to 3 only.

(c) Excludes knitted.

(d) Includes Boys'.

(e) Includes Girls' stockings.

(f) Includes Infants' and Baby Wear and some

Children's.

(g) Included with Men's and Women's.

(h) Included with Women's—Other.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Carcass Weight). (a)					Beer. '000 gals.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (in- cluding Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pigmeat.	Total Meat. '000 tons.	
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals. (b)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	80.5	7,523
1954-55	129.4	40.1	110.5	15,667	3,765	5,364	60.0	20.0	12.3	8.3	100.6	18,473
1955-56	130.9	41.0	116.8	17,149	3,223	5,944	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	102.0	18,958
1956-57	136.0	40.0	113.2	15,820	3,764	6,510	67.9	18.6	11.9	7.4	105.8	18,394
1957-58	110.1	41.1	105.4	14,410	2,991	6,655	65.9	22.5	12.6	8.5	109.5	18,871
1958-59	113.7	43.2	114.1	15,910	3,619	6,756	75.5	25.9	15.2	8.4	125.0	18,633
1959-60	121.7	45.0	117.2	16,251	3,702	6,886	62.7	30.9	16.9	8.3	118.8	19,306
1960-61 p	130.9	43.9	111.6	14,929	3,883	6,414	53.5	30.0	17.0	9.0	109.5	20,146
Monthly Total—												
1959-60												
Oct. . .	133.8	55.8	165.8	24,727	5,976	10,988	60.9	35.8	23.0	9.2	128.9	21,498
Nov. . .	136.6	47.7	177.8	27,210	5,900	12,047	49.8	35.5	22.4	8.2	115.9	22,044
Dec. . .	110.8	44.4	172.5	26,691	5,442	10,326	47.5	36.7	19.7	8.9	112.8	25,601
Jan. . .	111.3	42.2	151.8	22,780	4,718	9,194	48.8	35.1	16.0	7.6	107.5	21,367
Feb. . .	105.2	43.7	125.2	17,985	3,681	7,020	50.9	33.1	16.0	8.3	108.3	20,464
Mar. . .	116.9	53.4	105.9	14,231	2,965	5,506	62.5	32.0	17.7	9.8	122.0	21,126
Apr. . .	104.3	44.4	77.0	9,110	1,952	3,698	61.5	28.3	15.4	8.4	113.6	17,697
May . .	127.7	48.0	65.3	6,806	1,660	2,845	70.9	27.4	13.3	8.5	120.1	16,731
June . .	125.7	38.9	60.7	5,978	1,747	2,826	70.5	27.1	13.8	8.4	119.8	15,378
1960-61 p												(c)
July . .	130.0	39.4	69.4	7,215	2,315	3,556	64.3	25.1	13.0	8.1	110.5	16,196
August	139.8	43.8	100.4	12,736	3,810	5,798	53.8	25.0	14.3	8.3	101.4	20,376
Sept. . .	142.0	47.0	128.8	17,949	4,995	8,028	50.8	28.4	19.8	9.1	108.1	20,721
Oct. . .	133.6	48.0	155.7	22,627	6,184	9,804	43.3	29.1	26.0	9.1	107.5	20,561
Nov. . .	143.1	47.5	163.1	24,090	6,172	10,863	43.2	34.5	23.9	9.1	110.7	23,859
Dec. . .	113.3	42.6	157.8	23,553	5,584	9,162	41.2	34.0	18.9	9.7	103.8	24,069
Jan. . .	122.2	42.3	134.0	19,257	4,416	7,488	44.0	31.3	15.8	8.2	99.3	23,121
Feb. . .	128.1	40.6	102.4	13,504	3,209	5,716	46.2	32.3	14.6	8.5	101.6	20,356
Mar. . .	129.5	43.9	102.5	13,376	2,937	5,401	53.9	33.9	15.4	9.6	112.8	21,354
April . .	113.6	40.1	79.9	9,356	2,157	3,889	51.4	28.1	13.2	8.8	101.5	17,898
May . .	144.3	44.2	76.1	8,419	2,314	3,848	70.0	30.2	14.1	9.6	123.9	17,399
June . .	131.6	39.2	69.8	7,156	2,497	3,417	79.9	28.5	14.8	9.2	132.4	15,850
1961-62 p												
July . .	128.0	44.8	79.2	8,681	3,074	4,343	70.8	26.6	14.9	9.0	121.3	17,307
August	148.0	48.2	109.9	13,961	4,819	6,989	67.9	27.6	16.9	9.4	121.8	19,157
Sept. . .	129.6	47.0	144.2	20,223	6,327	9,488	62.4	30.3	19.7	10.0	122.5	20,097
Oct. . .	120.2	53.2	178.9	26,542	7,695	11,204	57.7	35.0	24.0	10.1	126.8	24,170
Nov. . .	128.2	40.3	178.6	26,869	7,314	10,590	59.4	35.8	21.9	10.7	127.8	25,581

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.
equivalent. (c) From July, 1960 includes waste beer.

(b) Whole milk

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes.	Chemicals and Allied Products.					Motor Bodies.(a)			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc.	
		Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Paints.			Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.		
				Ready- Mixed Paint and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose.						
		'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	'000.	
Monthly Average—											
1936-37	1,805	36.4	90.9	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.	
1937-38	1,904	41.3	102.8	209	60	4,032	804	518	n.a.	
1938-39	1,939	40.8	100.0	224	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.	
1954-55	3,706	69.6	163.4	812	123	6,002		2,245	293	
1955-56	3,842	74.7	177.2	890	125	6,912		2,030	303	
1956-57	4,129	73.2	164.6	906	121	6,230		1,804	287	
1957-58	4,255	82.6	185.0	924	130	8,129		2,370	317	
1958-59	4,371	82.2	177.0	953	133	(b) 9,846		2,282	328	
1959-60	4,563	89.3	198.3	1,001	150	12,553		2,318	350	
1960-61 p..	..	(c) 4,628	93.6	211.0	973	111	13,345		r2,254	360	
Monthly Total—											
1959-60—		(c)									
October	4,700	85.1	183.1	1,081	167	13,445		2,571	378	
November	4,628	74.3	140.7	1,095	163	13,475		2,434	350	
December	5,216	83.7	187.7	1,015	133	11,244		1,977	284	
January	4,231	88.2	178.4	724	109	8,003		1,295	236	
February	4,362	90.4	197.4	1,020	160	12,685		2,250	341	
March	4,591	102.1	249.5	1,154	184	14,505		2,735	398	
April	4,283	107.0	253.2	934	153	11,311		2,313	323	
May	4,769	104.4	237.9	1,012	153	14,379		2,584	393	
June	4,516	97.6	231.3	951	118	14,378		2,280	389	
1960-61 p—											
July	4,444	80.8	169.3	930	116	14,563		2,491	358	
August	5,951	89.0	203.5	1,060	134	16,348		2,737	439	
September	3,681	95.0	194.5	1,091	134	16,779		2,429	410	
October	4,391	85.8	184.8	1,162	123	15,787		2,403	372	
November	5,016	73.5	160.5	1,237	134	17,587		2,519	414	
December	5,398	90.9	190.0	989	113	12,562		1,721	314	
January	4,180	91.2	192.5	722	64	10,694		r1,706	259	
February	4,430	95.0	213.8	995	116	12,995		2,143	369	
March	4,668	106.2	269.4	951	119	11,625		2,926	372	
April	4,280	111.0	260.8	778	84	8,936		1,788	306	
May	4,740	110.2	268.6	969	106	12,240		1,997	375	
June	4,362	94.4	223.2	800	91	10,028		2,189	335	
1961-62 p—											
July	4,378	84.7	171.8	835	92	10,147		1,891	334	
August	5,268	92.0	220.2	999	99	9,854		1,564	326	
September	4,248	93.9	215.4	1,045	94	8,330		1,248	319	
October	4,806	83.8	191.2	1,169	107	11,840		1,532	334	
November	5,002	73.2		1,311	120	15,289		1,894		

(a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels.
 Wagons. (c) Quantity on which excise duty was paid.

(b) From July, 1958, includes Station

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base: 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	Denmark. (a)	France. (a)	Germany West (a)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (a)	Sweden. (a) (b)	United King- dom. (a) (c)	U.S.A. (a)
1953 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954 ..	106	100	109	110	112	109	108	110	108	104	106	94
1955 ..	116	110	112	120	128	120	116	118	116	111	112	106
1956 ..	123	120	115	133	138	128	144	123	122	114	113	109
1957 ..	123	120	121	144	147	137	167	126	128	117	115	110
.												
1958 ..	115	120	125	150	151	142	168	127	128	120	113	102
1959 ..	119	129	135	156	162	158	208	139	r136	124	120	116
1960 ..	126	130	142	174	180	180	261	157	r144	134	128	119
1959—												
March ..	119	124	130	156	156	154	204	134	123	131	116	116
April ..	121	126	135	163	160	158	195	140	141	130	121	118
May ..	120	129	137	169	163	154	201	137	126	126	118	119
June ..	122	134	139	167	163	155	208	146	145	127	122	121
July ..	105	126	93	150	153	162	209	141	93	66	110	112
August ..	111	126	139	107	153	130	209	129	130	120	104	113
September ..	125	134	148	158	169	170	217	148	146	132	126	115
October ..	127	137	148	166	175	178	221	156	146	137	131	116
November ..	132	133	150	179	186	172	224	144	148	140	133	114
December ..	126	126	143	183	178	172	240	145	134	141	123	118
1960—												
January ..	122	129	140	174	164	165	224	141	137	135	128	122
February ..	129	131	147	175	168	174	250	145	150	138	131	122
March ..	132	132	147	171	176	189	268	163	152	140	134	122
April ..	129	127	145	178	178	179	252	155	132	139	128	121
May ..	130	131	146	179	183	189	253	162	r146	136	133	120
June ..	130	134	145	183	185	180	257	163	r155	140	127	120
July ..	109	125	97	168	168	190	260	151	101	72	116	114
August ..	119	126	144	119	168	154	259	151	145	130	111	118
September ..	133	132	148	178	186	194	268	161	r157	138	131	119
October ..	131	133	150	183	189	193	272	166	155	142	135	120
November ..	133	132	153	194	203	188	278	166	158	149	135	116
December ..	116	124	140	190	189	191	289	163	144	145	128	112
1961—												
January ..	94	124		183	181	r188	271	158	151	144	128	r112
February ..	135	128		187	185	185	294	147	159	148	133	114
March ..	138	127		185	193	209	325	172	151	148	134	114
April ..	138	r128		188	189	r189	299	155	159	147	132	117
May ..	140	132		195	196	206	310	r161	145	144	130	119
June ..	139	139		192	198	r194	317	167	165	144	135	122
July ..	117	r129		169	r174	r208	320	149	108	74	126	116
August ..		133		128	176	163	317	r151	159	134	108	122
September ..				182	188		326	159	170		133	r124
October ..												128

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

(c) Includes construction.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Services Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.(a).			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(b)		
	Motor Cars.(c)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars and Station Wagons	Other Motor Vehicles.	Motor Cycles.
1951–52	'000. (d) 1,026	'000. (d) 585	'000. (d) 154	(e) 10,400	(f) 5,736	n.a.
1952–53	(d) 1,103	(d) 584	(d) 148	(e) 7,657	(f) 4,228	n.a.
1953–54	1,195	612	141	(e) 10,297	(f) 4,687	892
1954–55	1,342	655	133	(e) 13,581	(f) 5,580	939
1955–56	1,467	683	126	13,472	5,625	868
1956–57	1,564	707	120	12,271	4,831	800
1957–58	1,676	735	116	13,847	5,148	869
1958–59	1,783	766	111	14,693	5,528	836
1959–60	1,924	807	102	18,671	5,757	807
1960–61	2,065	843	93	18,595	4,931	656
Monthly Averages.						
1959–60—						
November ..	1,840	784	107	19,800	6,110	755
December ..	1,858	790	107	21,646	6,637	924
January ..	1,865	790	107	14,132	4,140	774
February ..	1,877	793	106	18,213	5,017	983
March ..	1,898	799	106	21,034	5,980	988
April ..	1,895	797	104	18,081	4,973	715
May ..	1,914	803	103	20,192	5,900	766
June ..	1,924	807	102	19,899	5,755	698
1960–61—						
July ..	1,927	806	100	20,399	5,604	644
August ..	1,949	812	100	22,465	6,253	720
September ..	1,967	817	99	22,463	5,811	720
October ..	1,980	819	98	24,266	5,505	765
November ..	2,004	828	98	26,067	5,824	709
December ..	2,025	838	99	17,607	4,779	671
January ..	2,028	835	98	12,704	3,556	683
February ..	2,034	837	97	12,905	4,090	751
March ..	2,044	839	97	19,013	4,657	729
April ..	2,050	841	95	14,755	4,132	500
May ..	2,059	843	94	16,342	4,741	581
June ..	2,065	843	93	14,156	4,217	406
1961–62—						
July ..	2,069	842	92	13,620	3,751	401
August ..	2,080	843	91	16,096	3,924	427
September ..	2,082	844	90	15,735	3,790	384
October ..	2,095	842	90	17,848	4,362	433
November ..				18,383	4,413	401
December p ..				16,570	3,979	407

(a) Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.

(b) This series is not strictly comparable with the "on Register" series.

(c) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations.

(d) Excludes the Northern Territory.

(e) Includes ambulances and hearses prior to 1955–56.

(f) Excludes ambulances and hearses prior to 1955–56.

For meaning of symbol n.a., see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-Miles.	Goods and Livestock.(a)		Passenger Journeys.	Earnings.	
		Tons Carried.	Net Ton- Miles(b).		Gross.	Net.
	'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—						
1951–52	7,780	3,672	562.9	41,707	11,626 —721
1952–53	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903 —560
1953–54	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155 140
1954–55	7,911	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498 124
1955–56	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,765 —659
1956–57	7,924	3,956	614.1	41,626	15,737 —376
1957–58	7,552	3,745	565.5	41,191	14,928 —493
1958–59	7,635	3,977	607.5	40,414	15,430 146
1959–60	7,750	4,234	663.5	39,881	16,265 228
1960–61 p	..	7,780	4,587	727.1	38,591	17,289 871
Monthly Total—(c)						
1959–60—						
August	7,842	4,309	633.9	42,681	16,259 868
September	7,911	4,535	677.6	40,610	16,989 1,638
October	8,064	4,474	667.1	40,865	16,633 973
November	7,597	4,168	659.8	39,816	16,083 120
December	7,811	3,855	616.8	35,424	15,619 —137
January	7,363	3,496	568.7	38,410	14,578 —471
February	7,307	4,069	652.8	45,327	15,279 442
March	8,042	4,669	757.7	38,299	17,456 1,463
April	7,374	3,964	646.1	35,835	15,560 —267
May	7,897	4,403	710.8	44,485	16,820 —320
June	7,752	4,425	710.3	36,443	17,588 —2,551
1960–61—						
July	7,836	4,431	700.5	40,771	16,463 1,500
August	8,243	5,087	777.7	40,004	18,509 2,092
September	8,037	4,837	777.0	41,654	18,375 2,267
October	7,991	4,717	738.7	39,831	18,136 2,152
November	7,713	4,665	740.4	35,370	17,815 525
December	7,679	4,013	638.5	33,908	16,042 —245
January	7,368	3,919	653.0	38,662	16,436 903
February	7,113	4,506	727.6	41,196	16,562 1,512
March	7,987	4,946	787.2	36,866	17,994 1,668
April	7,333	4,093	682.9	35,551	15,885 129
May	8,239	5,117	802.2	42,326	18,556 392
June	7,868	4,699	723.2	36,840	17,743 —2,982
1961–62—						
July	7,962	4,827	746.3	42,477	17,609 2,146
August	8,200	5,061	770.7	436,348	18,192 r1,137
September	7,834	4,749	730.7	41,581	17,834 1,025

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Partly estimated. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.) (a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—							
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)	
Monthly Average—										
1951–52..	..	374	810	280	37	45	238	11	29	640
1952–53..	..	504	644	285	34	53	247	52	33	704
1953–54..	..	479	711	307	39	36	287	54	35	758
1954–55..	..	507	916	302	74	43	318	73	41	851
1955–56..	..	555	1,036	293	99	47	350	137	43	969
1956–57..	..	728	1,050	309	97	60	378	116	32	992
1957–58..	..	614	1,143	324	114	56	364	148	45	1,051
1958–59..	..	720	1,186	334	93	51	358	144	50	1,030
1959–60..	..	843	1,288	347	114	51	364	162	38	1,076
1960–61 p	..	1,148	1,439	352	123	46	397	190	33	1,141
Monthly Total—										
1959–60—										
September	..	896	1,217	357	122	49	365	161	42	1,096
October	..	842	1,347	385	120	75	359	160	56	1,155
November	..	871	1,343	347	99	61	391	190	39	1,131
December	..	826	1,175	372	144	49	368	161	39	1,133
January	..	807	1,287	254	62	25	360	154	32	887
February	..	908	1,095	358	118	47	354	180	40	1,097
March	..	995	1,276	334	108	41	380	166	32	1,061
April	872	1,403	278	120	42	389	127	23	980
May	736	1,460	332	106	63	313	185	29	1,028
June	832	1,332	383	137	43	398	185	34	1,180
1960–61—										
July	878	1,481	325	123	50	367	185	29	1,079
August	890	1,386	417	98	57	308	195	35	1,110
September	..	1,029	1,488	342	139	70	391	147	44	1,134
October	..	923	1,480	347	123	76	376	158	35	1,117
November	..	991	1,531	361	107	56	342	188	34	1,088
December	..	990	1,370	331	167	43	382	164	37	1,125
January	..	1,113	1,408	338	121	45	412	227	37	1,180
February	..	1,210	1,312	286	99	45	428	197	29	1,086
March	..	1,474	1,426	422	133	26	426	207	40	1,254
April	1,370	1,424	303	149	26	436	236	16	1,167
May	1,507	1,437	382	100	29	382	206	25	1,125
June	1,400	1,522	368	118	26	509	174	30	1,225
1961–62—										
July	1,419	1,368	313	117	45	394	270	24	1,163
August	r1,404	r1,553	r297	r145	55	r386	180	33	r1,097
September	..	r1,597	r1,658	343	85	r46	459	r206	r36	r1,175
October p	..	1,380	1,405	292	135	39	467	215	42	1,190

(a) Figures for Tons Measurement on page 46. (b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.) (a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—							
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)	
Monthly Average—										
1951–52..	..	103	391	32	25	9	17	6	21	110
1952–53..	..	121	161	31	22	8	17	9	19	106
1953–54..	..	113	234	36	35	10	19	8	20	128
1954–55..	..	118	284	34	35	10	16	8	20	123
1955–56..	..	129	285	24	31	9	12	8	27	111
1956–57..	..	115	229	20	32	7	8	7	33	107
1957–58..	..	124	243	21	30	5	9	7	24	96
1958–59..	..	122	222	18	32	4	6	5	23	88
1959–60..	..	123	272	16	44	7	7	6	33	113
1960–61 p	..	129	317	11	44	10	5	5	47	122
Monthly Total—										
1959–60—										
September	..	101	219	14	33	5	7	5	23	87
October	..	142	261	21	52	4	10	5	35	128
November	..	101	270	20	51	5	7	5	33	121
December	..	108	264	19	46	8	3	7	27	110
January	..	91	238	11	40	3	2	5	22	83
February	..	85	348	16	48	9	3	6	30	112
March	..	157	289	19	53	9	4	5	41	131
April	..	168	238	17	40	9	11	2	37	116
May	173	298	12	46	11	3	13	43	128
June	124	339	9	46	9	12	3	52	131
1960–61—										
July	127	351	10	43	11	10	2	45	121
August	109	380	12	43	18	5	6	42	126
September	..	103	306	15	49	15	7	6	55	147
October	..	113	350	12	53	20	8	7	44	145
November	..	106	305	14	41	17	6	6	45	129
December	..	128	501	12	51	9	3	4	46	125
January	..	80	302	7	40	7	3	4	38	99
February	..	107	354	8	61	10	4	4	38	125
March	..	117	295	10	28	8	3	5	64	118
April	..	181	247	13	30	3	2	3	52	103
May	211	188	12	50	3	5	5	55	130
June	169	222	10	39	3	2	4	42	100
1961–62—										
July	113	196	9	34	10	2	2	33	90
August	95	222	12	38	12	2	5	r37	r106
September	..	129	206	9	44	6	3	2	32	97
October p	..	104	248	10	50	3	2	1	38	104

(a) Figures for Tons Weight on page 45.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department (a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences.		Television Viewers' Licences.		Telephone Services.	
		New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	Lines connected at End of Period.	Effective Applications (b)
	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	
	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	
1951-52	4,948	22	1,961	..	..	927	n.a.
1952-53	5,367	17	1,986	..	..	985	n.a.
1953-54	5,650	15	2,042	..	..	1,050	10,624
1954-55	6,069	13	2,035	..	..	1,127	12,492
1955-56	6,612	13	2,089	..	..	1,207	13,734
1956-57	7,519	14	2,107	(d) 11	(d) 74	1,279	(e) 9,923
1957-58	8,065	15	2,138	19	291	1,362	11,400
1958-59	8,622	21	2,264	25	578	1,443	13,398
1959-60	10,136	13	2,283	34	955	1,514	14,056
1960-61	11,347	13	2,256	27	1,217	(f) 1,631	14,113
1959-60—	(g)	(g)	(g)				(g)
October	9,796	12	2,248	29	682	1,475	12,539
November	9,366	10	2,242	29	711	1,481	12,471
December	11,571	8	2,247	25	738	1,487	10,684
January	9,309	9	2,249	26	761	1,491	12,604
February	9,894	12	2,260	30	791	1,494	14,936
March	11,711	14	2,269	42	833	1,500	16,399
April	9,620	16	2,252	34	862	1,504	12,814
May..	11,020	19	2,271	51	911	1,509	16,248
June..	12,616	18	2,283	47	955	1,514	16,213
1960-61—						(f)	
July	9,931	20	2,281	46	998	1,568	16,034
August	11,457	17	2,292	40	1,037	1,575	17,035
September	11,036	16	2,289	34	1,066	1,582	16,274
October	11,125	16	2,284	27	1,090	1,588	14,031
November	11,273	12	2,285	23	1,106	1,594	14,015
December	12,196	9	2,276	22	1,121	1,600	10,909
January	10,548	9	2,272	20	1,138	1,603	12,193
February	10,681	11	2,264	18	1,149	1,608	14,173
March	12,191	11	2,261	21	1,164	1,614	14,667
April	10,905	10	2,252	20	1,175	1,619	11,852
May..	12,009	12	2,256	27	1,199	1,625	14,262
June	12,813	12	2,256	26	1,217	1,631	13,905
1961-62—							
July	10,477	12	2,240	26	1,229	1,637	14,550
August	11,776	12	2,233	27	1,251	1,645	15,902
September	11,159	11	2,218	25	1,263	1,651	14,093
October	11,876	13	2,222	27	1,285	1,659	15,668
November	11,516	11	2,233	19	1,299	1,666	

(a) Actual collections. (b) Net demand for new telephone services (excluding withdrawals of applications). (c) Monthly average. (d) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957. (e) From October, 1956, £10 connexion fee was charged. Prior to this date no connexion fee was charged. (f) Details of exchange lines are no longer available. As from July, 1960, telephone services representing exchange lines plus duplex lines are shown. Until the introduction of duplex services in December, 1948, statistics of exchange lines and telephone services were identical. (g) Monthly total.

For meaning of symbols n.a., .., —, see page 1.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a).

CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT) AND RURAL CREDITS
DEPARTMENT.

(£A million.)

Period.	Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department).								Rural Credits Depart- ment.	
	Notes on Issue.			Statutory Reserve Deposit Accounts of Trading Banks. (b)	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Deposits of Savings Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.		
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.							
Average of Weekly Figures—										
1954–55	40.9	316.1	357.0	306.3	36.8	243.8	415.9	459.8	62.3
1955–56	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7	298.9	515.7	73.8
1956–57	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9	349.7	508.8	56.6
1957–58	45.7	343.9	389.6	328.3	25.6	218.4	461.7	478.6	33.7
1958–59	47.2	348.8	396.0	259.9	24.2	232.9	411.5	469.1	46.7
1959–60	52.1	361.5	413.6	280.8	19.6	246.4	442.2	475.2	62.6
1960–61	57.5	370.2	427.7	294.4	18.5	138.3	365.7	571.3	72.4
1959–60—							130.1			
October	47.7	358.8	406.5	250.2	21.9	243.6	429.4	478.4	40.5
November	48.3	361.0	409.3	265.2	22.1	248.3	437.3	499.1	34.1
December(c)	58.6	372.0	430.6	285.1	25.9	250.6	448.6	536.5	27.6
January	55.4	362.4	417.8	286.5	23.6	242.7	461.8	477.3	52.0
February	54.4	360.5	414.9	300.2	13.7	243.4	454.8	456.0	78.5
March	53.6	362.0	415.6	308.6	12.8	253.6	452.0	461.5	94.7
April	56.5	371.0	427.5	312.0	8.7	243.4	450.3	468.4	88.7
May	57.1	365.6	422.7	309.7	10.5	250.5	465.3	462.7	80.0
June	56.1	366.0	422.1	304.2	21.0	257.6	453.1	488.9	73.2
1960–61—							135.0	110.8		
July	53.5	366.7	420.2	303.4	18.1	140.0	429.1	494.0	68.4
August	54.1	369.7	423.8	300.0	19.6	115.6	406.2	526.3	57.1
September	54.5	371.8	426.3	298.6	14.5	142.2	117.0	378.9	558.3
October	57.6	372.0	429.6	297.3	20.0	147.1	113.2	361.5	587.7
November	56.4	373.2	429.6	300.5	16.6	149.2	114.2	347.1	608.7
December(c)	64.6	388.0	452.6	282.6	14.7	142.3	113.9	333.0	627.4
January	62.3	373.5	435.8	296.5	22.8	138.1	110.8	316.6	632.3
February	57.8	367.3	425.1	303.1	23.9	136.6	118.3	309.0	622.3
March	56.0	368.6	424.6	307.5	17.3	133.9	122.6	302.7	614.1
April	58.9	369.5	428.4	301.2	15.6	132.2	113.2	322.3	562.4
May	59.0	364.6	423.6	277.0	20.3	131.0	199.7	427.6	526.9
June	57.8	363.6	421.4	260.3	17.3	132.5	200.5	440.9	511.2
1961–62—										
July	55.5	362.2	417.7	219.4	27.4	139.5	199.0	471.9	470.1
August	55.4	364.9	420.3	213.5	17.5	141.8	204.8	483.8	470.1
September	56.5	367.3	423.8	214.0	22.3	145.3	199.2	490.5	482.9
October	58.5	366.5	425.0	215.9	19.0	152.1	197.8	492.7	494.7
November	56.8	368.0	424.8	220.2	19.6	151.6	201.2	491.6	509.3

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.
(c) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

(b) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Special Accounts of

**COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA,
and
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)**
(£ million.)

Period.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.										Commonwealth Development Bank.(a)	
	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- term Money Market), Advances and Bills Dis- counted.	Advances.	Hire Purchase.	Other.
	Fixed. (b)	Current. Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securi- ties.	Other Securi- ties.						
Average of Weekly Figures—												
1954–55 ..	37.9	5.7	130.9	174.5	10.5	12.3	38.2	..	36.1	89.1	17.0	11.5
1955–56 ..	41.1	5.2	135.6	181.9	10.2	6.3	38.6	..	33.2	103.9	16.6	14.1
1956–57 ..	40.6	3.8	140.1	184.5	10.0	4.1	35.7	..	34.6	106.5	16.5	14.5
1957–58 ..	49.2	5.7	150.2	205.1	10.8	5.5	46.5	..	40.2	107.8	16.0	14.9
1958–59 ..	60.3	7.4	159.1	226.8	11.3	4.1	56.7	..	36.5	122.5	17.4	15.1
1959–60 ..	62.5	10.8	181.1	254.4	11.7	3.0	60.1	2.5	41.4	133.7	17.8	15.9
1960–61 ..	72.9	14.4	183.9	271.2	10.5	1.6	54.0	4.6	45.8	147.6	18.9	17.5
1959–60—												
October ..	66.0	8.2	170.8	245.0	12.8	4.1	66.3	1.8	36.9	130.7	17.6	16.3
November	65.9	8.6	179.0	253.5	11.3	4.9	66.4	2.5	39.1	131.6	18.1	16.4
December(e)	58.4	9.0	189.1	256.5	15.9	3.2	60.3	1.6	41.7	135.8	18.4	16.5
January ..	57.5	10.9	182.4	250.8	13.5	3.8	54.3	1.3	42.3	135.9	18.3	16.1
February ..	57.3	13.4	190.4	261.1	11.0	3.0	56.3	1.8	43.5	134.8	17.9	16.2
March ..	57.8	13.5	195.0	266.3	10.5	2.8	59.1	3.3	45.3	134.2	17.7	15.8
April ..	63.3	13.8	190.6	267.7	10.6	1.2	59.5	3.8	46.4	135.0	17.8	15.6
May ..	63.1	13.5	189.5	266.1	9.9	1.0	58.8	3.1	46.8	137.5	18.0	15.4
June ..	65.7	14.2	191.2	271.1	10.4	1.9	56.5	4.4	46.6	139.7	18.1	15.4
1960–61—												
July ..	67.5	13.9	186.7	268.1	9.5	1.3	56.8	1.9	47.2	147.3	18.3	15.2
August ..	67.5	14.3	187.8	269.6	10.1	2.0	54.8	4.2	47.0	147.3	18.7	15.5
September	67.3	14.1	188.9	270.3	9.5	1.0	53.2	4.6	47.1	148.1	19.1	15.9
October ..	66.6	13.8	190.7	271.1	10.2	1.8	53.2	1.9	47.3	149.8	19.4	16.3
November	66.9	14.1	189.7	270.7	9.6	1.0	51.5	4.8	47.4	148.7	19.9	16.8
December(e)	68.5	14.6	186.3	269.4	11.1	1.2	50.2	7.0	44.2	149.5	20.1	17.3
January ..	66.5	14.7	181.3	262.5	11.6	1.8	47.2	2.2	46.2	153.5	19.6	17.5
February ..	71.0	14.8	178.8	264.6	12.2	1.7	46.5	3.6	46.2	149.3	19.0	17.9
March ..	76.5	14.5	178.6	269.6	10.6	2.1	48.5	6.2	46.2	145.1	18.3	18.4
April ..	80.8	14.3	182.5	277.6	11.4	2.0	54.9	8.8	45.6	143.8	18.3	19.0
May ..	85.4	14.2	177.3	276.9	10.5	1.7	62.3	5.1	43.3	144.2	18.5	19.8
June ..	87.8	15.9	178.6	282.3	10.4	1.5	67.8	5.5	41.6	145.9	18.6	20.5
1961–62—												
July ..	92.2	16.1	172.3	280.6	10.7	3.9	71.2	3.1	35.8	150.2	18.7	20.7
August ..	96.3	16.1	173.4	285.8	10.6	2.8	76.9	2.7	35.1	148.8	19.0	21.5
September	99.3	15.1	176.1	290.5	9.9	1.8	86.3	2.7	35.5	144.7	19.2	22.3
October ..	101.1	15.0	178.8	294.9	10.3	1.1	89.4	1.9	36.2	145.7	19.5	23.0
November	101.4	15.2	181.1	297.7	10.2	2.2	89.0	2.6	36.8	146.2	20.4	23.9

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of Commonwealth Bank of Australia. (b) Prior to February, 1960, fixed deposits—Australian Governments were included in current deposits bearing interest. (c) See note (b). (d) Prior to 14th January, 1960 Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.				Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.			
	Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.						
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.									
Average of Weekly Figures—												
1936-37	184.7	112.9	297.6	34.2	24.5	(e) 15.0	..	262.5			
1937-38	194.8	120.0	314.8	37.1	20.7	(e) 21.4	..	274.4			
1938-39	198.8	118.9	317.7	33.6	20.5	(e) 20.5	..	288.1			
1954-55	211.7	51.3	1,047.7	1,310.7	66.9	51.6	120.2	269.1			
1955-56	210.8	52.3	1,032.3	1,295.4	66.9	50.0	113.1	238.8			
1956-57	234.5	65.0	1,028.5	1,328.0	63.7	51.2	151.3	254.1			
1957-58	261.5	83.9	1,045.9	1,391.3	59.8	39.0	176.2	287.4			
1958-59	274.6	93.9	1,007.8	1,376.3	58.3	38.3	193.5	222.8			
1959-60	281.2	104.3	1,067.6	1,453.1	57.7	24.4	236.9	238.8			
1960-61	333.9	88.3	1,035.3	1,457.5	61.9	20.7	174.4	248.0			
1959-60—												
October	286.3	105.5	1,039.9	1,431.7	54.8	30.0	244.5	212.6			
November	287.6	104.0	1,065.6	1,457.2	55.2	25.0	249.8	225.5			
December(f)	282.6	103.9	1,097.7	1,484.2	67.7	19.5	249.4	242.9			
January	281.9	97.8	1,105.0	1,484.7	65.0	40.5	262.6	27.4			
February	301.3	82.2	1,121.5	1,505.0	55.8	34.6	279.5	25.0			
March	302.3	85.8	1,129.4	1,517.5	55.3	35.4	277.6	262.7			
April	301.4	81.3	1,110.0	1,492.7	54.6	16.2	243.5	265.0			
May	300.0	84.6	1,078.4	1,463.0	58.1	11.4	205.6	17.0			
June	296.4	90.0	1,073.6	1,460.0	61.0	11.9	185.8	15.2			
1960-61—												
July	295.4	96.2	1,046.5	1,438.1	60.1	12.1	178.1	255.6			
August	298.0	97.6	1,036.9	1,432.5	61.1	12.1	176.1	252.4			
September	298.7	90.2	1,037.3	1,426.2	56.5	8.9	173.9	250.9			
October	297.3	94.3	1,056.7	1,448.3	62.6	11.5	170.9	249.5			
November	301.6	89.3	1,069.7	1,460.6	60.9	13.6	167.9	252.6			
December(f)	318.0	78.9	1,061.3	1,458.2	67.5	11.8	167.4	237.8			
January	332.1	86.1	1,048.9	1,467.1	71.4	20.1	169.1	24.3			
February	355.3	89.9	1,050.6	1,495.8	66.2	42.3	177.1	249.8			
March	368.9	87.8	1,045.0	1,501.7	58.5	44.3	179.1	32.8			
April	374.0	78.7	1,027.9	1,480.6	60.1	25.0	179.2	24.9			
May	377.6	83.4	984.4	1,445.4	61.9	23.9	176.2	22.0			
June	383.3	83.5	966.0	1,432.8	58.6	18.2	176.0	22.8			
1961-62—												
July	394.0	88.7	937.7	1,420.4	65.6	22.7	189.8	25.0			
August	406.1	86.1	932.6	1,424.8	56.9	24.4	217.3	28.7			
September	414.9	85.9	937.0	1,437.8	62.3	26.9	244.6	28.4			
October	423.9	87.6	959.1	1,470.6	59.7	30.7	265.9	30.4			
November	432.7	78.9	981.1	1,492.7	61.0	28.1	283.2	28.7			

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.

(b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Includes Municipal Securities.

(f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .. —, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1936-37	11.5	19.7	(b) 24.8	..	88.2 37.9
1937-38	11.8	18.4	(b) 25.2	..	87.1 38.1
1938-39	10.6	17.4	(b) 23.8	..	90.7 37.4
1954-55	5.1	9.0	18.2	20.5	59.3 79.9
1955-56	5.2	9.0	17.7	18.4	62.1 79.7
1956-57	4.8	8.6	20.0	19.1	57.4 77.5
1957-58	4.3	7.1	19.8	20.7	55.7 75.2
1958-59	4.2	7.0	21.1	16.2	58.6 73.2
1959-60	4.0	5.7	22.0	16.4	56.3 73.5
1960-61	4.2	5.6	17.6	17.0	61.9 71.0
1959-60—						
October	3.8	5.9	23.0	14.9	56.9 72.6
November	3.8	5.5	22.6	15.5	56.1 73.1
December(c)	4.6	5.9	22.7	16.4	54.3 74.0
January	4.4	7.1	24.8	16.4	53.8 74.4
February	3.7	6.0	24.6	17.0	52.9 74.5
March	3.6	6.0	24.3	17.3	52.8 74.4
April	3.7	4.7	21.1	17.8	56.1 74.4
May..	4.0	4.8	18.8	17.9	59.0 73.7
June..	4.2	5.0	17.7	17.6	60.0 73.5
1960-61—						
July	4.2	5.0	17.4	17.8	63.5 72.8
August	4.3	5.1	17.4	17.6	64.1 72.4
September	4.0	4.6	16.8	17.6	65.2 72.7
October	4.3	5.1	16.9	17.2	65.1 73.0
November	4.2	5.1	16.6	17.3	64.4 73.2
December(c)	4.6	5.4	16.9	16.3	63.8 72.8
January	4.9	6.3	17.8	17.0	61.7 71.5
February	4.4	7.2	19.1	17.1	58.9 70.2
March	3.9	6.9	18.8	17.4	57.7 69.6
April	4.1	5.8	17.9	17.2	59.0 69.4
May..	4.3	5.9	18.1	16.1	59.9 68.1
June..	4.1	5.4	17.6	15.2	61.0 67.4
1961-62—						
July	4.6	6.2	19.6	12.9	62.3 66.0
August	4.0	5.7	21.0	12.5	60.8 65.5
September	4.3	6.2	23.2	12.4	59.5 65.2
October	4.0	6.1	24.2	12.2	58.6 65.2
November	4.1	6.0	24.9	12.3	57.1 65.7

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.
a return for fourth Wednesday.

(b) Includes municipal securities.

(c) Banks were exempted from furnishing

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COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)
(Major Trading Banks.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
	Fixed. (b)	Current.			Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.				
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.							
Average of Weekly Figures—										
1954–55 ..	249.5	57.0	1,178.6	1,485.1	77.4	63.9	158.4	..	305.2	865.9
1955–56 ..	251.9	57.5	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	..	272.0	908.3
1956–57 ..	275.1	68.8	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	..	288.7	869.1
1957–58 ..	310.7	89.6	1,196.1	1,596.4	70.6	44.5	222.7	..	327.6	882.1
1958–59 ..	334.9	101.3	1,166.9	1,603.1	69.5	42.4	250.2	..	259.3	929.5
1959–60 ..	343.8	115.2	1,248.6	1,707.6	69.5	27.5	297.1	24.3	280.2	952.0
1960–61 ..	406.8	102.7	1,219.2	1,728.7	72.3	22.3	228.4	23.6	293.9	1,050.0
1959–60—										
October ..	352.3	113.8	1,210.6	1,676.7	67.5	34.1	310.9	28.4	249.5	945.2
November ..	353.6	112.5	1,244.6	1,710.7	66.5	29.9	316.2	27.0	264.6	948.7
December(e) ..	341.0	112.9	1,286.9	1,740.8	83.6	22.7	309.7	25.7	284.6	942.1
January ..	339.4	108.7	1,287.4	1,735.5	78.5	44.3	316.8	28.7	285.9	934.3
February ..	358.6	95.6	1,311.9	1,766.1	66.7	37.6	335.8	26.8	299.6	930.2
March ..	360.1	99.3	1,324.4	1,783.8	65.8	38.2	336.7	25.2	308.0	934.6
April ..	364.7	95.1	1,300.6	1,760.4	65.2	17.4	303.0	18.6	311.4	972.8
May ..	363.1	98.1	1,267.9	1,729.1	68.0	12.4	264.4	20.2	309.1	1,000.5
June ..	362.0	104.2	1,264.9	1,731.1	71.4	13.8	242.2	19.5	303.7	1,015.0
1960–61—										
July ..	362.9	110.0	1,233.1	1,706.0	69.7	13.4	234.9	13.9	302.9	1,060.3
August ..	365.5	111.9	1,224.7	1,702.1	71.2	14.1	230.9	16.3	299.4	1,066.1
September ..	365.9	104.4	1,226.2	1,696.5	66.1	9.9	227.2	16.4	298.0	1,077.5
October ..	363.8	108.2	1,247.5	1,719.5	72.8	13.3	224.1	13.5	296.8	1,092.2
November ..	368.4	103.5	1,259.4	1,731.3	70.6	14.6	219.4	16.1	300.0	1,089.5
December(e) ..	386.4	93.5	1,247.7	1,727.6	78.7	13.0	217.6	22.6	282.1	1,080.3
January ..	398.6	100.9	1,230.1	1,729.6	83.0	22.0	216.4	26.5	296.0	1,058.6
February ..	426.3	104.7	1,229.5	1,760.5	78.4	44.0	223.5	28.5	302.6	1,030.4
March ..	445.4	102.3	1,223.6	1,771.3	69.1	46.4	227.6	39.1	307.0	1,011.5
April ..	454.8	93.0	1,210.4	1,758.2	71.5	27.0	234.1	33.7	300.6	1,016.8
May ..	463.0	97.6	1,161.7	1,722.3	72.4	25.6	238.5	27.1	276.5	1,010.3
June ..	471.2	99.3	1,144.6	1,715.1	69.0	19.7	243.8	28.4	259.7	1,020.1
1961–62—										
July ..	486.2	104.8	1,110.0	1,701.0	76.3	26.6	261.0	28.1	218.9	1,034.9
August ..	502.4	102.2	1,106.0	1,710.6	67.5	27.2	294.2	31.4	213.0	1,014.6
September ..	514.2	101.0	1,113.1	1,728.3	72.2	28.6	330.9	31.1	213.5	1,000.8
October ..	525.0	102.6	1,137.9	1,765.5	70.0	31.8	355.3	32.3	215.5	1,007.2
November ..	534.1	94.1	1,162.2	1,790.4	71.2	30.2	372.3	31.2	219.8	999.0

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) See footnote (b), page 49.

(c) See footnote (c), page 49.

(d) See footnote (d), page 49.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Major Trading Banks.)

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1954–55	5.2	9.5	20.2	20.5	58.3 79.4
1955–56	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5 79.1
1956–57	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5 77.3
1957–58	4.4	7.2	21.2	20.5	55.3 74.9
1958–59	4.3	7.0	22.6	16.2	58.0 72.8
1959–60	4.1	5.7	23.1	16.4	55.8 73.1
1960–61	4.2	5.5	18.7	17.0	60.7 70.5
1959–60—						
October	4.0	6.0	24.6	14.9	56.4 72.2
November	3.9	5.6	24.1	15.5	55.5 72.8
December(b)	4.8	6.1	23.9	16.3	54.1 73.9
January	4.5	7.0	25.3	16.5	53.8 74.2
February	3.8	5.9	24.9	17.0	52.7 74.3
March	3.7	5.8	24.7	17.3	52.4 74.2
April	3.7	4.7	21.9	17.7	55.3 73.9
May..	3.9	4.6	19.9	17.9	57.9 73.3
June..	4.1	4.9	18.9	17.5	58.6 73.1
1960–61—						
July	4.1	4.9	18.7	17.8	62.2 72.3
August	4.2	5.0	18.6	17.6	62.6 72.0
September	3.9	4.5	17.9	17.6	63.5 72.3
October	4.2	5.0	18.0	17.3	63.5 72.6
November	4.1	4.9	17.6	17.3	62.9 72.7
December(b)	4.5	5.3	17.9	16.3	62.5 72.2
January	4.8	6.1	18.6	17.1	61.2 71.1
February	4.5	7.0	19.7	17.2	58.5 69.8
March	3.9	6.5	19.4	17.3	57.1 66.6
April	4.1	5.6	18.9	17.1	57.8 68.9
May..	4.2	5.7	19.5	16.1	58.7 67.5
June..	4.0	5.2	19.4	15.1	59.5 66.7
1961–62—						
July	4.5	6.1	21.4	12.9	60.8 65.2
August	3.9	5.5	22.7	12.5	59.3 64.7
September	4.2	5.9	25.0	12.4	57.9 64.4
October	4.0	5.8	25.9	12.2	57.1 64.5
November	4.0	5.7	26.5	12.3	55.8 64.9

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.				Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.			
	Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.						
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.									
Average of Weekly Figures—												
1954–55	254.3	68.3	1,220.0	1,542.6	82.0	69.5	171.7	..	306.3	938.1	
1955–56	257.1	68.6	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	..	272.8	984.1	
1956–57	281.4	79.5	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	..	289.4	946.8	
1957–58	318.6	102.0	1,238.1	1,658.7	74.4	48.7	237.2	..	328.3	963.3	
1958–59	345.1	115.8	1,207.0	1,667.9	73.2	43.3	264.6	..	259.9	1,015.3	
1959–60	354.1	132.8	1,293.5	1,780.4	72.4	28.3	314.0	30.7	280.8	1,040.6	
1960–61	421.2	123.4	1,264.9	1,809.5	75.1	23.1	247.2	30.6	294.4	1,144.5	
1959–60—												
October	362.3	131.8	1,252.2	1,746.3	70.6	34.5	326.3	34.3	250.2	1,033.1	
November	363.9	130.3	1,287.5	1,781.7	69.3	30.9	331.6	32.9	265.2	1,036.5	
December(e)	351.5	130.1	1,330.8	1,812.4	86.6	23.3	325.2	31.2	285.1	1,030.6	
January	349.9	125.3	1,335.0	1,810.2	82.1	45.1	335.1	34.6	286.5	1,022.9	
February	369.0	112.2	1,360.8	1,842.0	69.7	39.2	355.8	32.8	300.2	1,019.5	
March	370.7	116.4	1,373.0	1,860.1	68.5	39.9	356.2	31.4	308.6	1,023.9	
April	375.6	112.5	1,348.4	1,836.5	68.0	18.8	321.6	25.8	312.0	1,062.7	
May	374.0	115.8	1,313.9	1,803.7	70.5	13.3	282.0	28.3	309.7	1,090.4	
June	372.7	122.3	1,310.6	1,805.6	74.2	14.2	258.8	27.2	304.2	1,105.5	
1960–61—												
July	373.6	131.7	1,278.2	1,783.5	72.6	13.9	251.1	23.8	303.4	1,150.4	
August	377.5	134.3	1,268.4	1,780.2	73.7	14.6	247.9	26.0	300.0	1,156.4	
September	379.0	125.3	1,270.1	1,774.4	68.8	10.3	244.8	24.9	298.6	1,169.0	
October	376.9	128.6	1,292.8	1,798.3	75.6	13.5	241.8	21.9	297.3	1,184.8	
November	381.5	123.8	1,304.4	1,809.7	73.1	15.6	237.3	22.1	300.5	1,183.5	
December(e)	399.9	113.3	1,292.5	1,805.7	81.1	14.0	235.6	27.1	282.6	1,175.4	
January	413.1	119.5	1,277.8	1,810.4	86.3	23.1	235.6	32.1	296.5	1,153.8	
February	441.6	124.2	1,278.0	1,843.8	81.0	45.2	244.0	35.0	303.1	1,125.7	
March	461.7	121.4	1,271.2	1,854.3	71.7	47.6	247.7	44.3	307.5	1,108.0	
April	471.8	113.0	1,258.7	1,843.5	74.1	28.0	254.3	40.3	301.2	1,113.7	
May	480.3	119.0	1,207.1	1,806.4	75.0	25.8	258.9	33.8	277.0	1,108.1	
June	488.8	122.4	1,188.8	1,800.0	72.2	20.1	263.8	34.4	260.3	1,119.0	
1961–62—												
July	504.2	128.8	1,153.4	1,786.4	80.2	26.9	283.2	32.0	219.4	1,134.8	
August	521.1	125.3	1,149.2	1,795.6	70.5	27.5	317.6	34.7	213.5	1,114.9	
September	533.6	123.1	1,156.4	1,813.1	75.9	29.2	352.0	33.2	214.0	1,103.9	
October	545.0	124.1	1,182.3	1,851.4	73.7	32.8	374.2	35.7	215.9	1,112.4	
November	554.4	114.9	1,207.6	1,876.9	75.0	31.1	391.4	33.5	220.2	1,105.9	

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945–1953 and Banking Act 1959. Includes Commonwealth Trading Bank, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS: DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)
(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total
Average of Weekly Figures—									
1954–55 ..	187.5	176.2	53.9	36.3	26.2	10.7	0.5	0.8	492.1
1955–56 ..	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	0.6	1.0	522.0
1956–57 ..	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	0.6	1.2	563.3
1957–58 ..	230.4	207.1	65.6	44.3	30.2	12.9	0.7	1.5	592.7
1958–59 ..	248.9	224.7	70.3	46.2	30.7	13.8	0.8	2.0	637.4
1959–60 ..	296.3	264.6	79.1	53.4	34.9	15.5	0.9	2.7	747.4
1960–61 ..	322.5	282.9	81.9	58.0	37.8	16.3	1.0	3.4	803.8
1959–60—									
October ..	290.5	262.7	79.7	51.9	34.3	14.1	1.0	2.3	736.5
November ..	295.2	265.1	79.9	53.3	34.7	15.2	1.0	2.4	746.8
December ..	312.5	297.9	86.5	58.8	38.2	17.6	1.0	3.0	815.5
January ..	259.5	227.4	72.1	46.3	38.0	12.8	0.9	1.9	658.9
February ..	294.1	260.8	75.9	54.6	36.2	14.5	0.8	2.4	739.3
March ..	319.4	273.1	79.7	55.3	36.9	15.8	0.9	2.7	783.8
April ..	302.3	266.2	78.4	54.9	32.5	16.2	0.9	2.9	754.3
May ..	328.0	291.7	81.9	58.7	36.8	17.2	1.0	4.5	819.8
June ..	331.2	292.5	83.6	57.3	35.7	17.3	1.0	2.8	821.4
1960–61—									
July ..	342.5	286.0	89.8	58.8	36.0	17.3	1.1	3.5	835.0
August ..	313.7	297.4	82.1	55.5	37.5	15.1	1.0	3.2	805.5
September ..	328.9	271.4	85.4	55.6	36.2	15.5	1.1	3.4	797.5
October ..	333.6	293.9	87.2	59.5	36.7	16.5	1.1	3.1	831.6
November ..	344.9	291.9	87.3	62.5	39.5	15.8	1.1	3.0	846.0
December ..	344.4	308.3	82.6	58.3	40.0	18.5	1.1	3.3	856.5
January ..	290.2	259.0	78.4	54.0	42.8	15.1	1.0	2.3	742.8
February ..	306.4	272.0	76.6	58.9	36.4	14.8	0.9	2.8	768.8
March ..	317.2	282.4	76.8	59.8	38.7	16.7	0.9	3.3	795.8
April ..	301.7	263.7	76.5	57.8	36.5	15.9	0.9	4.1	757.1
May ..	326.6	289.5	80.9	57.5	38.5	17.4	1.0	3.8	815.2
June ..	316.2	272.3	79.5	57.3	34.6	16.1	1.1	4.6	781.7
1961–62—									
July ..	322.2	297.7	85.4	55.6	37.6	16.5	1.1	4.0	820.1
August ..	282.8	270.1	74.1	49.7	35.0	14.0	1.1	2.9	729.7
September ..	313.4	284.0	83.0	52.4	37.4	14.5	1.1	3.2	789.0
October ..	338.7	292.4	84.5	57.3	39.3	16.2	1.1	3.7	833.2
November ..	331.6	287.9	81.3	56.3	39.0	14.8	1.1	3.6	815.6

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945–1953 and Banking Act 1959. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank (prior to 14th January, 1960 the Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of the Commonwealth Bank).

SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES.
(£ million.)

At end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
June 1958	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	1,296.8
“ 1959	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	1,391.3
“ 1960	541.6	499.6	182.6	166.0	78.6	46.4	2.5	5.4	a 1,522.7
“ 1961	569.2	517.5	187.1	166.8	80.7	47.4	2.7	6.1	a 1,577.5
1960-61—									
October	565.5	518.9	190.9	166.6	81.8	48.2	2.9	6.0	1,580.8
Nov. ..	565.7	518.1	190.1	165.3	81.4	48.0	2.8	5.9	1,577.3
Dec. ..	564.0	514.4	188.1	163.8	80.6	47.6	2.7	5.8	1,567.0
January	563.6	513.4	186.4	163.8	80.4	47.5	2.7	5.9	1,563.7
February	563.2	512.2	185.0	164.1	79.9	47.8	2.6	6.0	1,560.8
March ..	560.7	508.6	183.8	163.2	79.4	47.3	2.6	5.9	1,551.5
April ..	560.5	507.6	183.1	162.7	79.4	47.3	2.6	6.1	1,549.3
May ..	560.0	508.5	182.8	161.7	79.2	47.0	2.6	6.0	1,547.8
June ..	569.2	517.5	187.1	166.8	80.7	47.4	2.7	6.1	a 1 577.5
1961-62—									
July ..	574.7	523.6	190.1	167.7	81.7	47.7	2.8	6.3	1,594.6
August	579.8	528.4	192.1	168.0	83.3	48.3	2.9	6.5	1,609.3
Sept. ..	583.9	534.4	194.7	169.2	84.7	48.8	2.9	6.5	1,625.1
October	587.7	537.1	196.6	170.1	85.3	48.9	3.0	6.6	1,635.3
Nov. ..	591.1	540.3	197.4	170.5	85.7	49.0	3.0	6.7	1,643.7

(a) Interest added 1959-60, £40.2 m. 1960-61, £44.7 m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

SAVINGS BANKS: SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA(a).
(£ million.)

At end of—	Coin, Bullion and Australian Notes.	Deposits with Reserve Bank.	Deposits with Trading Banks.	Australian Public Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	
				Common- wealth and States (Including Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities).	Local and Semi- Govern- mental Authorities.		Housing.	Other.
June 1958	2.8	104.6	54.6	719.4	224.5	..	228.1	
“ 1959	3.3	122.0	53.7	740.1	248.9	..	261.0	
“ 1960	2.9	133.3	54.9	793.8	285.3	1.7	277.3	23.5
“ 1961	4.3	135.7	47.4	789.3	312.2	7.6	312.1	26.7
1960-61—								
October ..	2.8	147.5	55.1	814.5	297.7	10.8	290.0	25.1
Nov. ..	2.7	147.5	47.1	818.8	300.7	8.8	293.2	25.1
Dec. ..	4.0	136.2	47.1	817.3	303.7	5.8	297.8	25.4
January ..	3.2	135.3	45.4	814.9	305.4	6.8	297.9	25.7
February	4.5	132.5	44.6	813.4	307.2	6.8	299.6	25.6
March ..	4.0	128.9	43.8	813.0	309.0	5.2	302.0	26.1
April ..	4.1	129.1	43.0	812.3	309.5	5.9	303.5	25.8
May ..	4.3	127.6	44.0	803.6	310.5	6.3	305.9	26.1
June ..	4.3	135.7	47.4	789.3	312.2	7.6	312.1	26.7
1961-62—								
July ..	4.6	136.1	53.8	788.6	313.3	10.9	314.2	26.6
August ..	3.9	139.8	53.2	793.1	317.2	14.6	317.1	26.9
September	4.2	146.0	55.2	798.2	321.1	13.8	320.0	27.2
October ..	4.7	148.4	51.7	806.2	324.2	19.3	321.8	27.4
Nov. ..	3.8	144.4	51.4	814.6	327.6	21.1	324.3	27.5

(a) Includes Assets in Papua, New Guinea and Norfolk Island.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, etc., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)	
	Ordinary Depart- ment.		Industrial Depart- ment.		Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.		
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.						
Monthly Average—		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
1937 .. .	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.	
1938 .. .	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.	
1939 .. .	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.	
1954–55 .. .	23,505	24,365	18,415	2,734	5,175	1,218	1,983	738	4,319	
1955–56 .. .	24,796	27,893	17,551	2,721	5,785	1,228	2,263	793	4,744	
1956–57 .. .	24,328	32,683	17,526	2,761	6,454	1,248	2,470	841	4,992	
1957–58 .. .	24,967	37,582	17,414	2,819	7,289	1,273	2,797	912	4,948	
1958–59 .. .	26,312	43,430	16,001	2,683	8,006	1,268	3,062	864	6,103	
1959–60 .. .	33,584	57,603	15,806	2,798	8,891	1,286	3,417	936	6,224	
1960–61 .. .	35,317	67,104	15,146	3,623	9,676	1,295	4,331	1,116	7,058	
Monthly Total—										
1959–60—										
September .. .	41,929	64,137	19,720	3,306	9,113	1,276	3,972	1,003	6,984	
October .. .	28,487	50,266	15,738	2,739	8,096	1,355	3,490	888	5,865	
November .. .	31,211	55,527	15,476	2,665	7,173	1,364	2,980	880	6,659	
December .. .	36,552	105,451	14,046	2,772	9,678	1,626	3,719	694	7,554	
January .. .	21,320	30,404	3,395	570	7,097	536	2,534	608	3,860	
February .. .	29,950	44,688	17,941	3,104	7,641	1,274	3,027	897	5,019	
March .. .	38,414	54,314	17,803	3,113	9,384	1,427	3,950	961	6,603	
April .. .	31,002	49,651	13,838	2,544	8,401	1,204	3,045	987	5,796	
May .. .	40,657	63,454	17,733	3,280	10,057	1,321	3,585	1,120	6,671	
June .. .	40,755	66,766	17,826	3,332	12,551	1,393	3,854	1,055	7,762	
1960–61—										
July .. .	42,891	71,024	14,516	2,854	10,115	1,221	3,829	1,098	7,291	
August .. .	43,944	66,209	22,325	5,014	9,880	1,432	4,097	1,193	7,658	
September .. .	50,689	93,627	18,429	4,153	9,484	1,315	3,953	1,151	9,205	
October .. .	33,644	59,393	16,659	4,091	8,510	1,353	5,221	1,136	7,662	
November .. .	36,373	62,135	15,334	4,208	9,036	1,485	4,645	1,219	8,320	
December .. .	37,447	137,976	11,809	3,509	9,996	1,601	4,575	926	8,496	
January .. .	20,555	35,641	4,963	954	7,930	685	3,224	777	5,608	
February .. .	25,929	42,560	14,426	3,149	8,442	1,161	3,590	1,109	6,395	
March .. .	31,413	58,944	16,357	4,071	10,036	1,345	4,623	1,322	7,251	
April .. .	29,368	48,674	12,708	3,057	9,337	1,238	4,155	969	5,205	
May .. .	35,108	60,355	17,523	4,089	10,900	1,400	4,564	1,228	6,398	
June .. .	36,451	68,712	16,698	4,324	12,448	1,307	5,499	1,263	5,595	
1961–62—										
July .. .	34,892	65,522	18,503	4,405	11,030	1,344	5,298	1,371	6,996	
August .. .	35,431	68,445	18,561	4,298	10,311	1,496	4,717	1,455	5,153	
September .. .	43,061	91,008	15,925	4,411	13,367	1,414	4,964	1,273	5,997	
October .. .	31,716	62,174	14,392	3,614	10,015	1,323	4,018	1,309	4,741	

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947–48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

INTERNATIONAL RESERVES, EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES, SECURITY YIELDS, PRIVATE FIRST MORTGAGES.

Period.	International Reserves. (a)	Exchange Rates.(b)			Gold Prices.(a)		Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales. (Revised Series). (f)
		Australia on London. (c)	London on New York. (c)	Australia on New York. (d)	Australia.	London.	Theoretical 2 years.(e)	Theoretical 15 years.(e)	
		£m.	£A. per £100 Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. Per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	
1936-37 ..	92.9	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(h) 3.57	(i) 3.94	(j) 5.3
1937-38 ..	85.2	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(h) 3.30	(i) 3.71	(j) 5.3
1938-39 ..	60.7	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(h) 3.67	(i) 3.84	(k) 5.4
									(k)
1954-55 ..	428.3	125.25	2.797	2.226	15.625	12.536	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 ..	355.0	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57 ..	566.5	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.8
1957-58 ..	525.4	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.491	4.38	4.99	7.3
1958-59 ..	516.4	125.25	2.809	2.235	15.625	12.496	4.16	4.94	7.4
1959-60 ..	512.0	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.511	4.01	4.91	8.3
1960-61 ..	550.8	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.589	5.06	5.21	8.7
1959-60—									(l)
October ..	523.6	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.507	3.94	4.90	8.0
November ..	538.6	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.509	3.94	4.89	8.0
December ..	547.2	125.25	2.799	2.227	15.625	12.524	3.95	4.93	8.2
January ..	538.4	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.625	12.531	3.99	4.92	8.2
February ..	541.1	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.625	12.518	4.02	4.92	8.3
March ..	547.2	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.506	4.14	4.94	8.4
April ..	540.5	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.497	4.14	4.93	8.6
May ..	543.8	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.508	4.17	4.94	8.5
June ..	512.0	125.25	2.805	2.234	15.625	12.520	4.20	4.95	8.6
1960-61—									
July ..	482.6	125.25	2.808	2.235	15.625	12.500	4.33	4.97	8.7
August ..	441.9	125.25	2.810	2.237	15.625	12.502	4.33	4.96	8.9
September ..	424.0	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.523	4.30	4.97	8.8
October ..	413.3	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.728	4.31	4.97	8.9
November ..	398.0	125.25	2.814	2.240	15.625	12.729	5.28	5.22	8.9
December ..	376.3	125.25	2.808	2.234	15.625	12.657	5.63	5.38	8.9
January ..	374.5	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.673	5.50	5.34	8.8
February ..	373.6	125.25	2.800	2.229	15.625	12.559	5.49	5.38	8.6
March ..	388.1	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.539	5.46	5.35	8.5
April ..	416.5	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.536	5.46	5.36	8.5
May ..	531.1	125.25	2.794	2.224	15.625	12.548	5.43	5.36	8.6
June ..	550.8	125.25	2.790	2.220	15.625	12.568	5.23	5.36	8.6
1961-62—									
July ..	574.6	125.25	2.787	2.218	15.625	12.598	4.93	5.34	8.7
August ..	571.1	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.546	4.60	5.35	8.7
September ..	573.4	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.515	4.59	5.33	8.7
October ..	578.0	125.25	2.815	2.241	15.625	12.501	4.46	5.13	8.7
November ..	587.0	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.625	12.500	4.38	4.99	8.8

(a) Source: Reserve Bank. Net Gold and Foreign Exchange Holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). See page 22 of Reserve Bank of Australia Statistical Bulletin, Financial Supplement, September, 1960, for a description of this series. Annual and December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month. (b) Average of daily quotations. (c) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (d) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (e) Source: Reserve Bank. Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. Since July, 1959, theoretical 2 year and theoretical 15 year securities. Average for the week is centred on last Wednesday of the month. (f) Revised for periods 1956-57 and onwards, and includes all mortgages for corporations (other than banks and building societies) and individuals, except completely abnormal amounts of £1m. in months in which large mortgages are few in number. Certain other refinements previously incorporated in the series have now been excluded in order to indicate current trends more accurately. Figures prior to 1956-57 have not been adjusted, but the variation between the adjusted and unadjusted series in these earlier years is negligible. (g) Weighted average twelve months. (h) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (i) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (j) Urban securities only. (k) Rural and urban securities. (l) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—						Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate). (b)	Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). (b)	Commonwealth Loans (Long Term).			
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).							
	3 months.	6 months.	12months.	24months.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.						
1945—1st December	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250			
1946—20th November	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.125			
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.125			
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.125			
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.750			
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d) 1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.750			
25th November	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d) 1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.500			
1955—1st January ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500			
1956—15th March ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500			
1st April ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.500			
10th May ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000			
4th December	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000			
1958—1st November	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	3.00	1.00	5.000			
1960—17th November	4.00		4.50	(f)	(g) 7.00	(g) 7.00	3.00	1.00	5.000			
1961—1st January ..	4.00		4.50	(f)	(g) 7.00	(g) 7.00	3.25	1.00	5.000			
22nd February	4.00		4.50	(f)	(g) 7.00	(g) 7.00	3.25	1.00	5.375			
1st July ..	4.00		4.25	(f)	(g) 7.00	(g) 7.00	3.50	1.00	5.375			

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Seasonal Securities which were first issued in November, 1959, now carry a discount rate of approximately 3.95 per cent. per annum. (c) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (d) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent. (f) Under the new arrangements banks no longer accept fixed deposits for periods longer than 12 months. (g) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 6 per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.	Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.
	Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.				Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.		
30th June—					1959—60—				
1937 ..	..	..	46,408	46,408	30th June	201,000	..	..	201,000
1938 ..	..	..	46,598	46,598					
1939 ..	..	..	50,228	50,228	1960—61—				
1953 ..	225,000	..	..	225,000	31st July	195,000	..	..	195,000
1954 ..	190,000	..	..	190,000	31st Aug.	222,000	..	..	222,000
1955 ..	160,000	..	..	160,000	30th Sept.	254,000	..	..	254,000
1956 ..	165,000	..	..	165,000	31st Oct.	286,000	17,559	..	303,559
1957 ..	150,000	..	..	150,000	30th Nov.	293,000	31,103	..	324,103
1958 ..	140,000	..	..	140,000	31st Dec.	320,000	30,227	..	350,227
1959 ..	171,000	..	..	171,000	31st Jan.	332,000	35,167	..	367,167
1960 ..	201,000	..	..	201,000	28th Feb.	319,000	42,316	..	361,316
1961 ..	186,000	..	..	186,000	31st Mar.	282,000	47,513	..	329,513
					30th Apr.	224,000	25,246	..	249,246
					31st May	192,000	8,094	..	200,094
					30th June	186,000	..	..	186,000
1959—60—									
31st Oct.	279,000	..	1,000	280,000					
30th Nov.	299,000	12,109	2,000	313,109					
31st Dec.	299,000	23,498	3,000	325,498	1961—62—				
31st Jan.	285,000	38,064	3,000	326,064	31st July	180,000	..	1,000	181,000
29th Feb.	270,000	38,397	3,000	311,397	31st Aug.	206,000	..	2,000	208,000
31st Mar.	255,000	43,595	2,000	300,595	30th Sept.	236,000	25,099	2,000	263,099
30th Apr.	195,000	25,446	1,000	221,446	31st Oct.	268,000	40,227	2,000	310,227
31st May	183,000	12,609	..	195,609	30th Nov.	285,000	48,203	7,000	340,203

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills
For meaning of symbol .. see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania	Six States.	Commonwealth.	Grand Total.(b)
REVENUE.									
1938-39 ..	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1954-55 ..	195.4	116.8	73.8	48.7	46.1	14.5	495.3	1,067.4	1,378.2
1955-56 ..	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.1
1956-57 ..	223.8	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	576.9	1,311.8	1,672.4
1957-58 ..	231.5	142.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	605.2	1,323.8	1,690.7
1958-59 ..	239.8	151.2	99.0	68.0	60.1	21.9	640.0	1,296.1	1,682.9
1959-60 ..	262.5	168.3	103.1	76.1	64.4	25.1	699.5	1,438.3	1,857.3
1960-61 p ..	283.7	185.1	108.8	82.0	69.3	26.9	755.8	1,638.3	2,085.0
1961-62 (Estimate)	294.2	194.2	114.4	87.4	73.9	29.5	793.6	1,697.2	2,181.6
1959-60—									
July-September ..	56.7	32.1	21.6	15.6	13.9	5.1	145.0	234.7	322.4
July-October ..	75.9	43.6	29.7	21.0	18.7	6.4	195.3	317.7	436.3
July-November ..	97.6	54.6	37.4	27.4	23.6	7.8	248.4	406.8	557.9
1960-61—									
July-September ..	62.1	35.8	23.3	17.5	14.3	5.4	158.4	280.0	375.8
July-October ..	83.4	48.7	32.2	22.9	19.2	6.9	213.3	375.7	505.5
July-November ..	106.1	61.2	41.0	29.9	24.3	8.3	270.8	480.7	630.3
1961-62—									
July-September ..	66.6	37.4	24.3	19.0	17.3	6.0	170.6	280.5	385.8
July-October ..	87.9	50.8	32.6	25.2	23.3	7.6	227.4	379.5	519.8
July-November ..	110.1	64.4	41.3	32.6	30.6	9.5	288.5	481.3	658.1
EXPENDITURE.									
1938-39 ..	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
1954-55 ..	197.6	115.4	73.6	50.9	46.6	14.7	498.8	1,067.4	1,381.7
1955-56 ..	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.0
1956-57 ..	223.7	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	583.9	1,311.8	1,679.7
1957-58 ..	231.5	145.5	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	612.2	1,323.8	1,697.7
1958-59 ..	239.7	153.8	100.2	69.1	61.8	22.7	647.3	1,296.1	1,690.3
1959-60 ..	262.4	168.0	103.2	76.4	65.8	26.2	702.0	1,438.3	1,859.8
1960-61 p ..	283.9	184.9	109.4	80.8	70.5	27.1	756.6	1,638.3	2,086.0
1961-62 (Estimate)	296.0	194.2	115.0	87.4	75.1	29.9	797.6	1,697.2	2,185.7
1959-60—									
July-September ..	54.7	35.5	24.4	17.7	15.6	5.2	153.1	326.5	422.3
July-October ..	77.1	50.5	32.7	24.0	21.1	7.3	212.7	438.9	575.0
July-November ..	100.2	65.5	41.8	30.5	26.6	10.2	274.8	551.7	729.2
1960-61—									
July-September ..	59.0	39.5	25.4	18.0	16.7	5.7	164.3	340.2	441.9
July-October ..	83.5	54.3	34.1	24.4	22.5	8.0	226.8	458.5	601.9
July-November ..	108.9	69.5	44.5	31.8	28.1	11.6	294.4	576.4	766.5
1961-62—									
July-September ..	63.5	42.3	26.3	20.1	18.1	6.3	176.6	376.7	488.0
July-October ..	91.8	60.0	36.2	27.7	24.3	9.5	249.5	498.3	660.7
July-November ..	117.7	75.9	46.5	35.5	31.5	12.6	319.7	642.7	850.8

(a) Figures for New South Wales represent combined transactions of Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways, Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board—included in annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.